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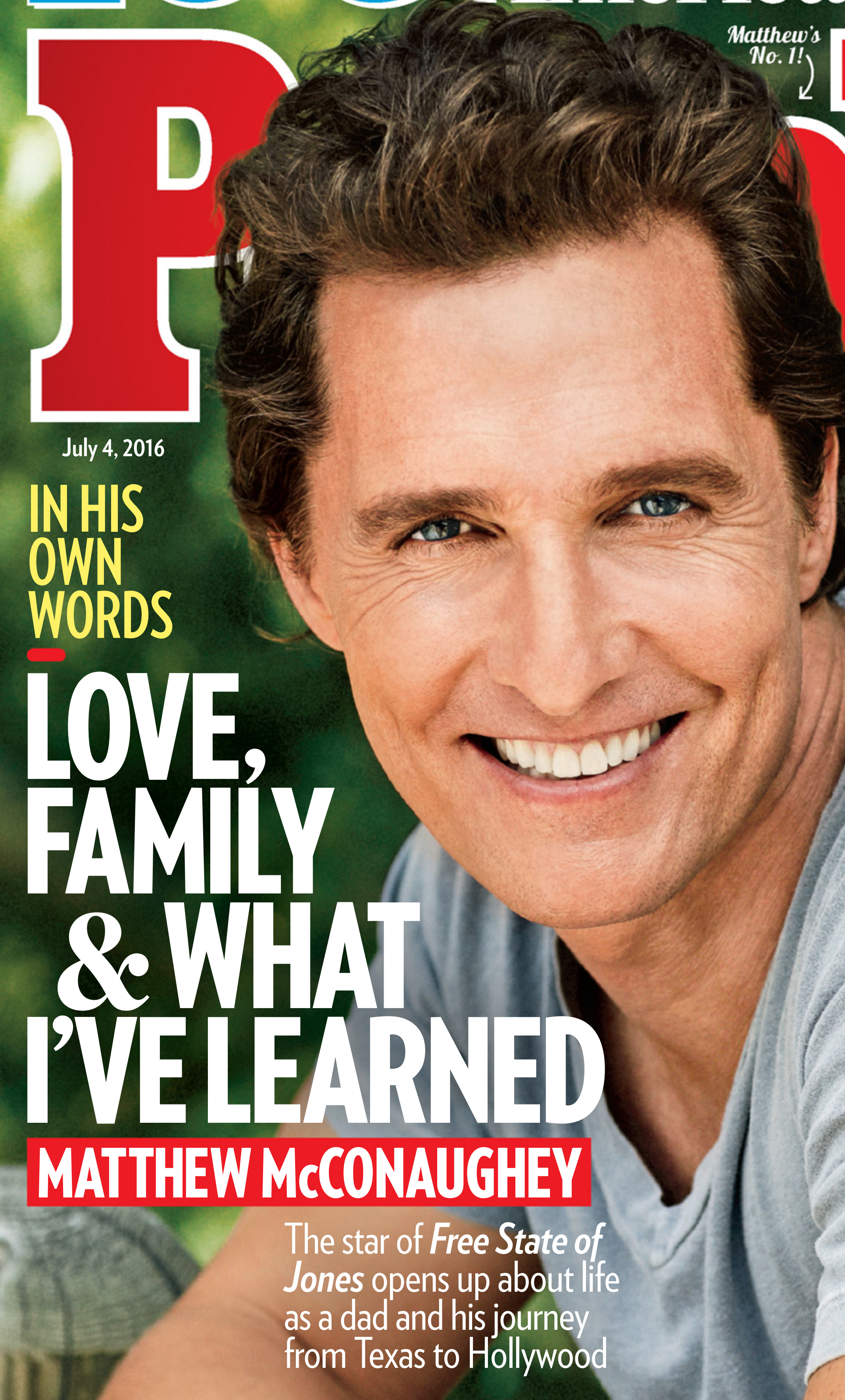

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IN HIS OWN WORDS

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MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY

The star of ***Free State of Jones*** opens up about life as a dad and his journey from Texas to Hollywood

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'I want to sit in a yard that is not a national park. I do want to drop into Target. I want to—I do, I want to go to Target again!'

—**MICHELLE OBAMA,** on life outside the White House, at the United State of Women summit

'[My dad] thinks I'm brave. He thinks I can do anything. He thinks I'm fearless. . . . I would love to be the girl that he thinks I am!'

—**CARRIE UNDERWOOD,** on why she connects to her song "The Girl You Think I Am" the most, to *People*

'The last conversation I had with you, I told you that I was so lucky to have had the best example of what a dad should be.'

—**KIM KARDASHIAN,** paying tribute to her late father, Robert Kardashian, with a sweet post on Instagram

'I am very into making up my own rules. Like, I don't want to play the game and succeed at it. I want to redefine it. That's the only way I can deal with it.'

—**AMY SCHUMER,** on her approach to Hollywood, in the July issue of *Vogue*

Q&A

Blake Lively

The actress, 28, faces off with a shark in *The Shallows,* out June 24, and costars in Woody Allen's *Café Society,* out July 15.

Has your relationship with the sea changed after filming *The Shallows?*

My relationship with the sea actually changed in 2011, when I went diving with great white sharks, and with conservationists. I got to see sharks in their natural habitat, not as the hunters or villains as we portray them in movies but as these incredible creatures that they are.

Do you like horror movies?

I don't like to be scared. I enjoy watching them, but I like the types where you don't see much and it's really the psychological aspect of it that's scariest.

Did your husband, Ryan Reynolds, help you prep?

He helped me remember that it wasn't just an acting challenge but a physical feat. I had to be prepared for it being an athletic event and not just a film. That was very cool.

—**KARA WARNER**

'I gave everything I had. I poured my heart, my sweat, my tears into this game. Cleveland, this is for you!'

—**LEBRON JAMES,** tearfully celebrating Cleveland's first professional sports championship in 52 years, after the Cavaliers defeated the Golden State Warriors

NBA CHAMPS
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'Sometimes when people recognize me from the show, I geek out over them geeking out about me to the point where they have to walk away.'

—**RACHEL BLOOM,** on what happens when fans recognize her from *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, at *The Hollywood Reporter*'s Roundtable for actresses in comedy

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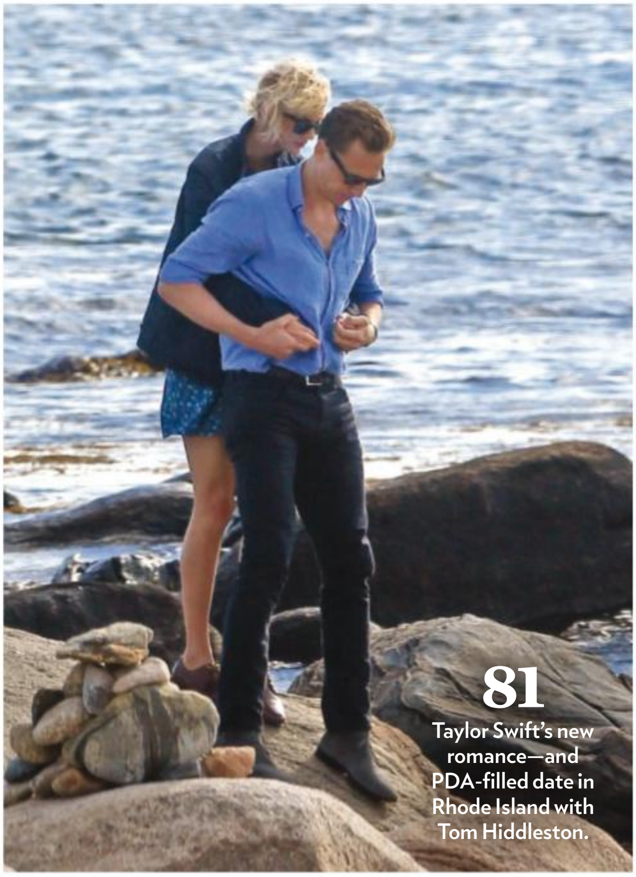

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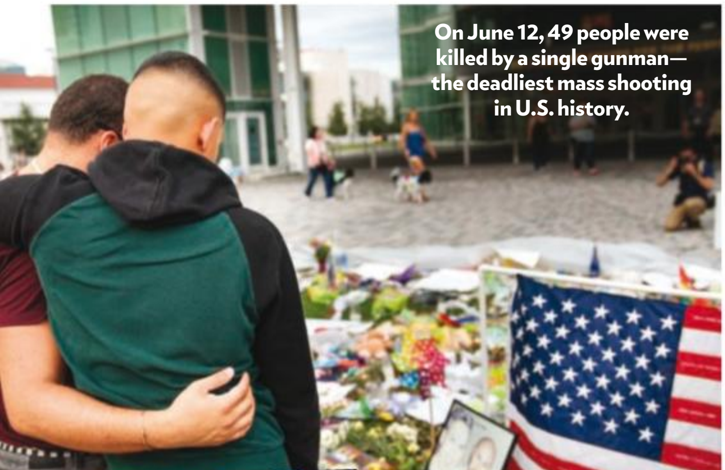

On June 12, 49 people were killed by a single gunman—the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

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FACES of ORLANDO
Heartbreaking stories of lives lost in the June 12 attack

‘My heart breaks for the victims of this senseless violence’

Gina via people.com

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Orlando Shooting

Thank you for the touching article on the victims of the Orlando shooting. I was in tears. Sharing their names, faces and lives means so much. It doesn’t matter if the victims are gay, straight or green polka-dotted—each one has a soul.
Pam Smith Bossier City, La.

I appreciate your “Call to Action” to contact our representatives in Congress about what they’re doing to pass meaningful gun legislation. Our voices need to be heard.
Leslie Zeigen Salem, Ore.

We need to join in unity to combat this terrorism. We need to stop all this fighting. Yes, we have different opinions on topics, but we are all Americans.
Pat via people.com

Thank you for focusing on the lives that were taken and not focusing on the person who took them.
Katie O’Malley via e-mail

Christina Grimmie

Rest easy, beautiful Christina. To the Grimmies, please know that you are constantly in the thoughts of many and in the guidance of your wonderful angel.
Leila via people.com

Princess Charlotte

Princess Charlotte and Prince George are such adorable children! I enjoy watching them grow up through photos.
Lola via people.com

For June 20, 2016

Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali was, is and always will be my hero. He was the greatest, not only in the ring, but also for all the good he brought to kids and the world community. Rest in peace, Great One.
S.C. Freed via e-mail

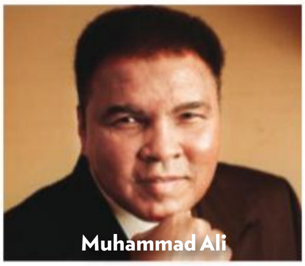
My heart is very heavy. Such a legend and such a wonderful man.
Gigi via people.com

Wayne Gretzky

I loved Wayne back when he was in the NHL, but I love him more now that I know what he’s been doing for people with developmental disabilities, who are in real need of a friend, housing and so much more.
Wendy Siegel via e-mail

Aimee Copeland

This young woman simply amazes me with her positive outlook on life. We can all learn a lesson from her.
Kimberly via people.com



Muhammad Ali

For June 13, 2016

Amber Heard and Johnny Depp

Because Johnny is famous and Amber not as much, [why do we assume] that she must be lying or that she just wants his money or fame? That’s just so sad. . . . Violence is violence.
Connie via people.com

Derek Theler

As a type 1 diabetic myself, I found Derek’s story inspiring. It was a good reminder that celebrities also deal with this disease and have some of the same struggles I do!
Anna Vange via e-mail

Corrections

In the June 13 issue, on page 34, we referenced Walter Keane, instead of his wife, artist Margaret Keane. Also, in Puzzler, it was The Artist—*not* Argo—*that won the 2012 Oscar for Best Picture. In the June 20 issue, on page 54, Muhammad Ali is pictured at the 2002 Winter Olympics, not the 1996 Summer Olympics.* People *regrets these errors.*

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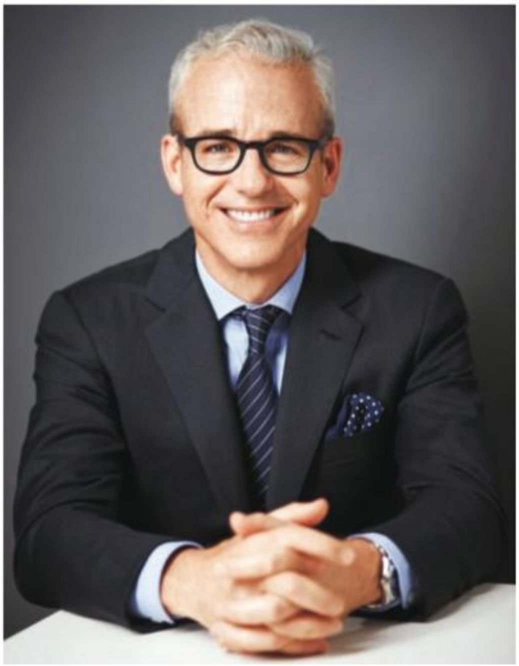

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JESS CAGLE, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

Clockwise from top left: Sutton Foster, the cast of *Pretty Little Liars,* chef Joe Isidori's sundae and Olivia Wilde. Our new service section starts on page 125.

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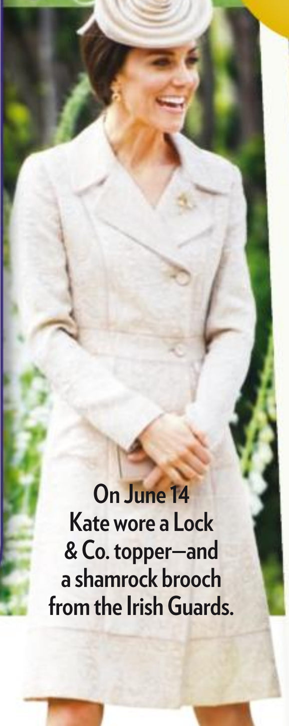
StarTracks

Prince Harry watched William play in the June 18 charity match.

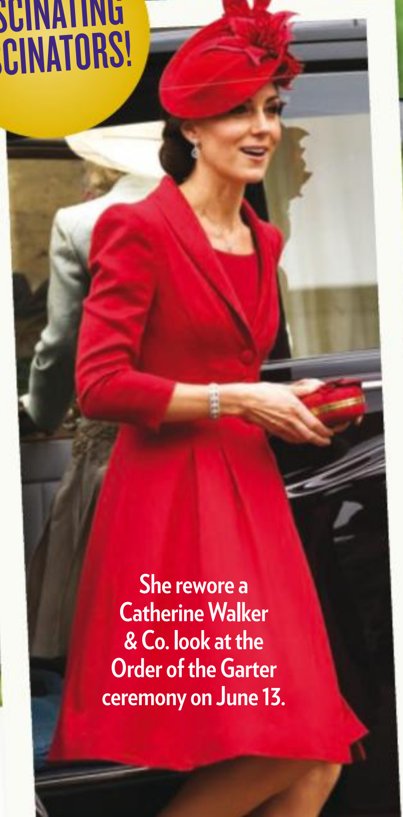
A ROYAL START TO SUMMER!

It was off to the races for **Princess Kate** on June 15, when she attended Royal Ascot with **Prince William.** The day before, the pair made their first visit as a married couple to Nothern Ireland. But Kate skipped her husband's annual Father's Day weekend polo match—where he was instead cheered on by his brother **Prince Harry.**

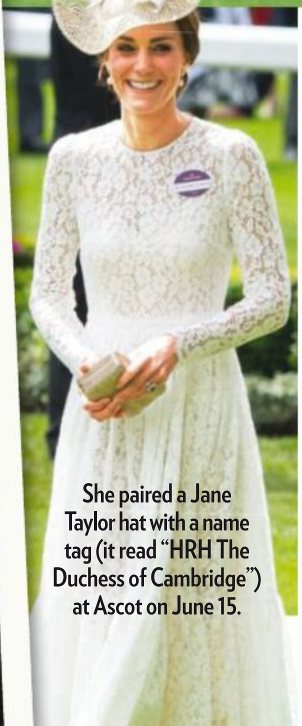
FASCINATING FASCINATORS!



On June 14 Kate wore a Lock & Co. topper—and a shamrock brooch from the Irish Guards.



She rewore a Catherine Walker & Co. look at the Order of the Garter ceremony on June 13.



She paired a Jane Taylor hat with a name tag (it read "HRH The Duchess of Cambridge") at Ascot on June 15.

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BONJOUR, CELINE!

Céline Dion, 48, looks gorgeous in a green jumpsuit as she waves to fans outside the Royal Monceau Hotel in Paris on June 19.

IN THE PITT

Brad Pitt gets our heart racing after waving the start flag at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the world's oldest active sports car endurance race, in France on June 17.

CIAO, BELLAS!

Jessica Chastain, Milla Jovovich and Russian model **Sasha Pivovarova** sit pretty in the front row at the Prada show during Milan Men's Fashion Week on June 19 in Milan.

CONGRATS, CLEVELAND!

Ciara beams beside her fiancé, Seattle Seahawks quarterback **Russell Wilson,** at Game 7 of the NBA Finals, where LeBron James was crowned "king" of the series after the Cavs beat Golden State 93-89 in a dramatic Finals triumph on June 19.

CELEBS GIVE BACK!

SAY CHEESE!

Kansas City, Mo., June 17

Celebrities like **Jason Sudeikis**, 40 (here with a pediatric patient), descended on Kansas City to raise money for the Children's Mercy Hospital for the Big Slick Celebrity Weekend, raising over $1.3 million.

BEAUTIFUL CAUSE

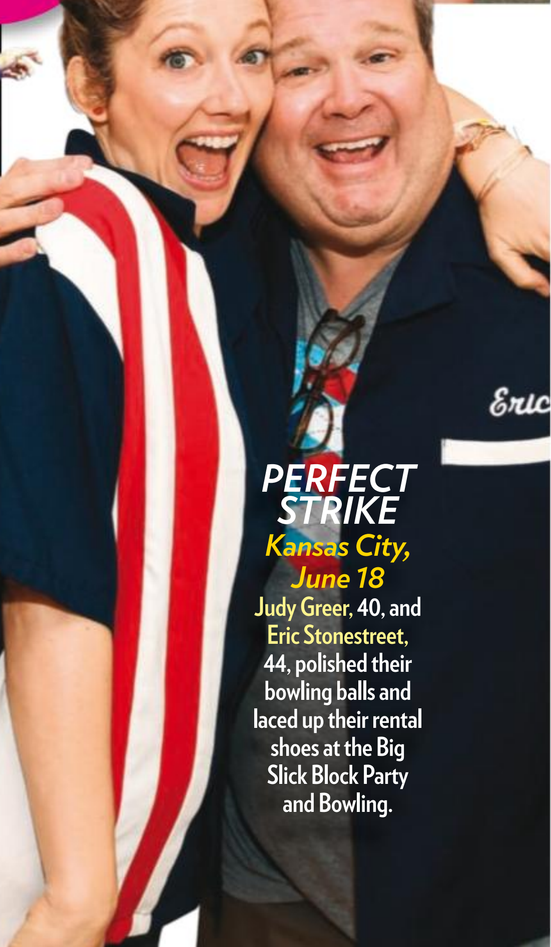
Los Angeles, June 18

America Ferrera, 32, caught up with *Ugly Betty* costar **Ana Ortiz**, 45, at the STAND for KIDS Gala benefiting the Orthopaedic Institute for Children.

BLOW BY BLOW

New York City, June 16

Dane Cook, 44, and **Petra Nemcova**, 37, battled it out in the ring with a food fight for a good cause during the Happy Hearts Fund Fight for Education Gala.



PERFECT STRIKE

Kansas City, June 18

Judy Greer, 40, and **Eric Stonestreet**, 44, polished their bowling balls and laced up their rental shoes at the Big Slick Block Party and Bowling.

FROM TOP: JEREMY DANIEL(4); MARCUS SMITH

Matthew Broderick, Zachary Levi and **Sean Hayes** join the A-list chorus.

Waitress composer **Sara Bareilles** meets legendary composer (and subject of the musical *Beautiful*) **Carole King.**

Rosie Perez records her solo at Avatar Studios.

BROADWAY FOR ORLANDO

New York City, June 15

Three days after the gay nightclub massacre in Orlando, SiriusXM Radio host Seth Rudetsky and producer husband James Wesley assembled nearly 60 of the biggest names in theater—including Lin-Manuel Miranda, **Audra McDonald** and **Sarah Jessica Parker**—to record a cover of Burt Bacharach's "What the World Needs Now Is Love." All proceeds from the track—available for $1.99 on broadwayrecords.com—will benefit the LGBT Center of Central Florida.

GO, WILDCATS!

Checotah, Okla.

Country music superstar **Carrie Underwood,** 33, and author **Jenna Bush Hager,** 34, join middle and high school female student athletes in a Checotah team cheer after the celebs presented a $100,000 Sports Matter grant to the women on behalf of Underwood's youth fitness apparel line CALIA and DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation.

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IT'S JAMIE AND CLAIRE'S DAUGHTER!

In the July 9 finale of *Outlander,* the Starz drama will introduce Brianna (**Sophie Skelton**), the grown-up daughter of hero lovers Jamie and Claire, and her future boyfriend Roger (**Richard Rankin**). "There is so much anticipation for these characters," Rankin tells *Entertainment Weekly.* For more exclusive photos, pick up the new issue of *EW* on June 24.

LACEY CHABERT'S NURSERY!

Lacey Chabert, 33, poses in her soon-to-be baby daughter's nursery. "I love that the room feels peaceful," she tells *People.* "Having a baby is a dream come true for us. We hope she loves it!"

J.LO IS THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN!

Las Vegas, May 22
It's the bod squad! **Khloé Kardashian, Jessica Alba, Kourtney Kardashian** and **Meghan Trainor** pose backstage with the singer at her ongoing *All I Have* show at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Las Vegas, May 29
Kerry Washington rocks her bump while snuggling up to J.Lo after taking in her show.

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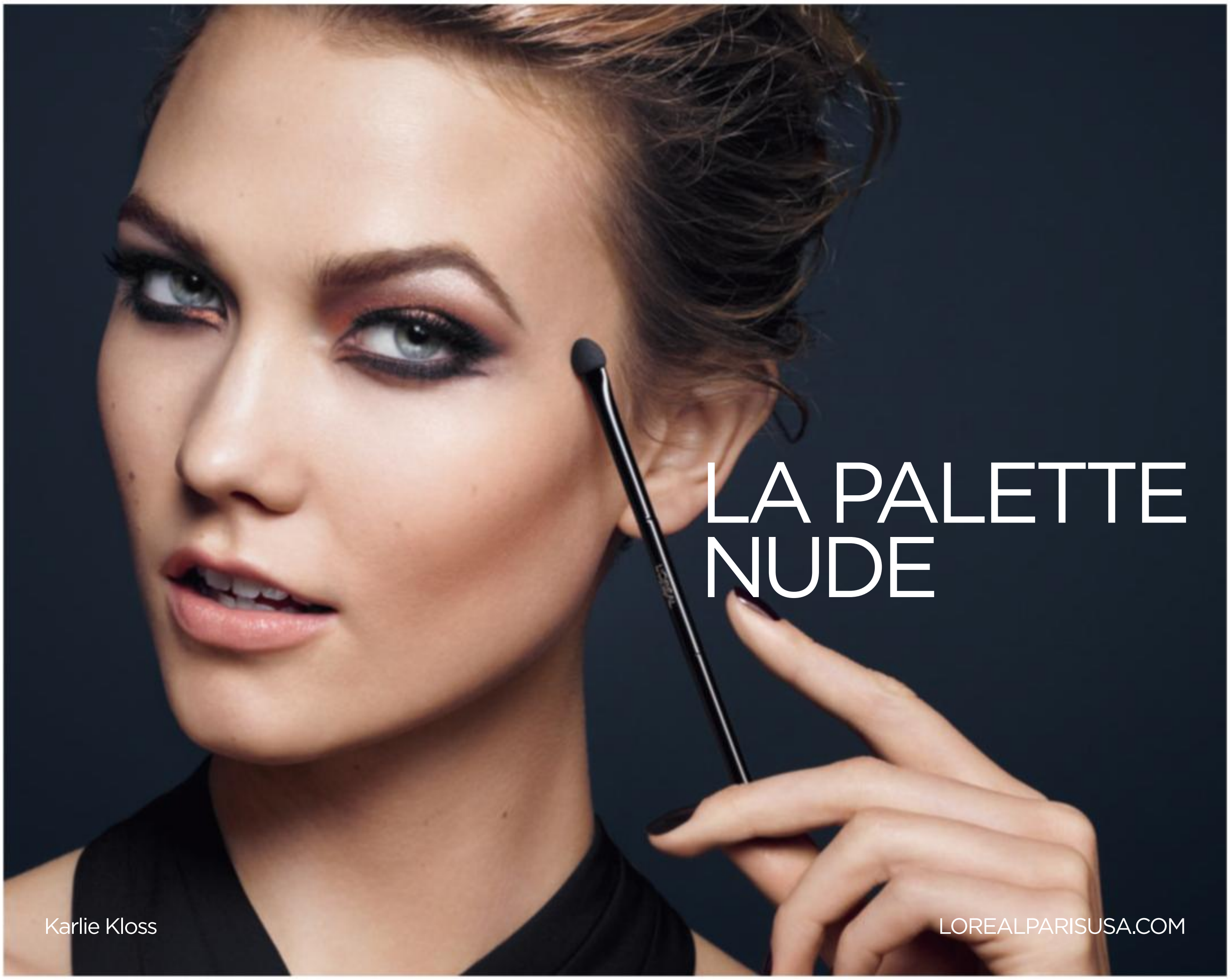
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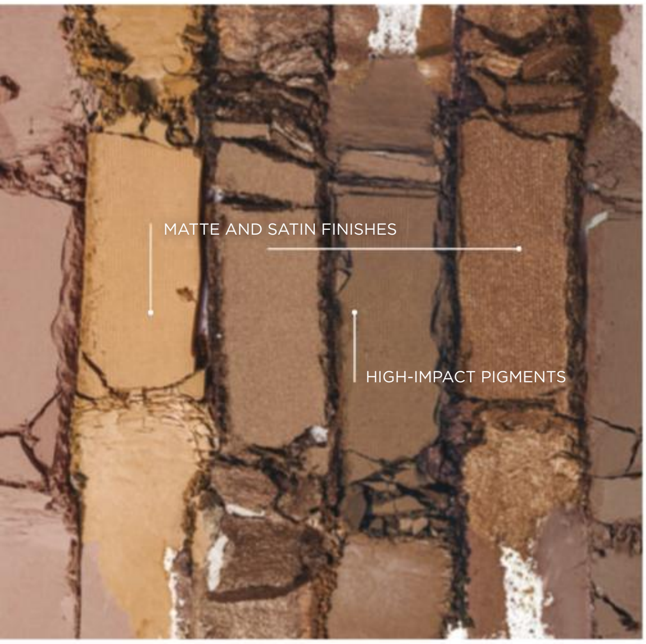
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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

In the film out Oct. 21, **Jon Hamm** and **Gal Gadot** play the Joneses, a supersexy secret spy couple who befriend their ordinary suburban neighbors, played by **Zach Galifianakis** and **Isla Fisher.** "It develops into a very funny action-comedy, but it's sort of based on the desire to be friends with people," producer Walter Parkes says.

MUCH MUSIC VIDEO AWARDS

Toronto, June 19

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Nick Jonas bows down to his fans upon arrival.

Singer **Macklemore** is on fire as he kicks off the Canadian awards show with his hit single "Dance Off."

Teen Wolf's **Tyler Posey** is all smiles as he arrives to some serious screams on the red carpet.

The show's host **Gigi Hadid** models just one of her six different (and daring!) outfits during the event.

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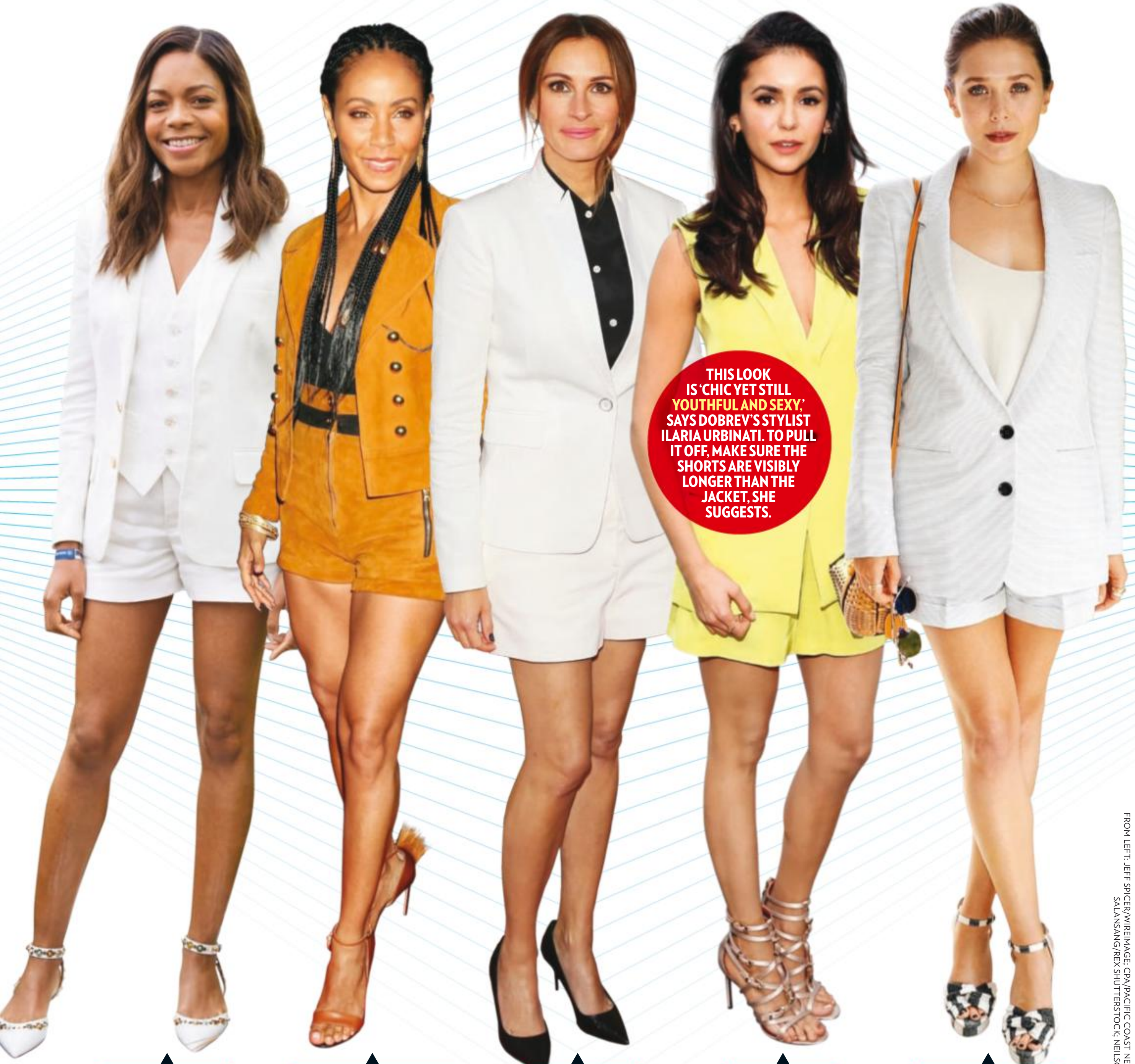

THIS LOOK IS 'CHIC YET STILL YOUTHFUL AND SEXY,' SAYS DOBREV'S STYLIST ILARIA URBINATI. TO PULL IT OFF, MAKE SURE THE SHORTS ARE VISIBLY LONGER THAN THE JACKET, SHE SUGGESTS.

Naomie Harris in a Polo Ralph Lauren three-piece suit and studded Aquazzura ankle-strap flats.

Jada Pinkett Smith in a Beau Souci suede jacket and shorts and Francesco Russo fur-trim sandals.

Julia Roberts in a cotton Rag & Bone suit and black button-down with Giuseppe Zanotti Design pumps.

Nina Dobrev in a vest and shorts by Pinko with Cesare Paciotti sandals and a Jimmy Choo clutch.

Elizabeth Olsen in a seersucker Burberry suit and Loeffler Randall striped platforms with a Mark Cross rattan satchel.

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PAINFUL TRUTH “I had cramps and was bleeding so much it looked like a crime scene,” says Frankel of her fibroids.

BETHENNY FRANKEL

FINDING HAPPINESS AFTER A HEALTH SCARE

BY LIZ McNEIL

BACK IN 2013 WHEN SHE WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED with uterine fibroids, Bethenny Frankel did something highly uncharacteristic: She told almost no one. Used to living life out loud, Frankel chose to deal with the condition quietly and kept it hidden from the cameras chronicling her return to *The Real Housewives of New York City*. But all that went out the window when, in the midst of filming the current season of the hit Bravo reality show, she landed in the emergency room because of escalating pain and out-of-control bleeding. “I’d lost 10 percent of my blood, my uterus had doubled in size, and my fibroids were larger than before,” says Frankel, 45. “I was scared.”

LARSEN & TALBERT

True to form, the reality star—whose challenges have included a severely dysfunctional childhood and an ongoing divorce battle with ex-husband Jason Hoppy (more than three years and counting)—is being candid about her difficulties. "No one really talks about fibroids," says Frankel, who had the benign uterine growths surgically removed on May 20. "I didn't realize how many people have them; it's still something women don't share."

> **'MY PERSONAL LIFE IS EXACTLY WHERE I WANT IT TO BE RIGHT NOW. I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS HAPPY IN A REALLY LONG TIME'**
> —BETHENNY FRANKEL

And aside from recent *other* televised drama with *RHONY* castmate LuAnn de Lesseps ("We do a show that's a pressure cooker," Frankel admits of the onscreen arguments), she says that despite her fears about the surgery—which required her to make sure she had a living will and other affairs in order for the sake of her daughter Bryn, 6—Frankel is now feeling better than ever.

That's partly thanks to a new romance with banker Dennis Shields, 48, whom she met 27 years ago, when he dated (and later married) one of her high school friends. While Frankel didn't stay in touch with her ("We've spoken three times in 25 years"), she and Shields shared other pals, and several months after he separated from his wife, they began dating. "We've both been married and separated," she says. "So we're a perfect match. Like everything else in my life, I'm owning it."

Ironically Frankel is hoping to keep the new relationship low-key as she preps to spend a summer in the Hamptons with Bryn. "I want to keep it private for as long as I can," she says of sharing details about the romance. Still, she can't help opening up when it comes to her sex life. "The store was closed for a bit per doctor's orders," she says. "But in a few more weeks, when it's open, it's going to be like Ikea. I won't be happy unless there is a full-on stampede!"

HOT TOPIC HOUSEWIFE Clockwise from top: Frankel with boyfriend Dennis Shields; in 2009 with her ex Jason Hoppy; with de Lesseps on *RHONY,* and in Las Vegas on May 14.

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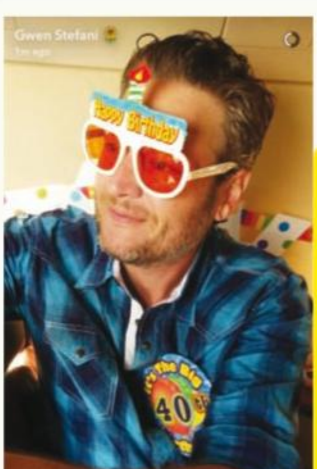

“I possibly witnessed the coolest and craziest thing of my life tonight,” Shelton (left, from Stefani’s Snapchat) tweeted after she performed at Country Jam (below).

BLAKE SHELTON
CELEBRATES HIS BIG 4-0

His 39th year may have been full of ups and downs—including a divorce from Miranda Lambert—but Blake Shelton rang in his 40th birthday on solid footing on June 18 alongside his new love of seven months, Gwen Stefani. “Now THIS is how you start your 40’s!!!!!!!!” Shelton excitedly tweeted after the rocker, 46, called him her “favorite person I ever met” on Twitter. The couple continued the celebration, complete with goofy 40th-birthday swag, on a private jet before landing at Country Jam in Grand Junction, Colo., where they surprised the audience with their duet “Go Ahead and Break My Heart”—and an onstage smooch. **—MELODY CHIU**

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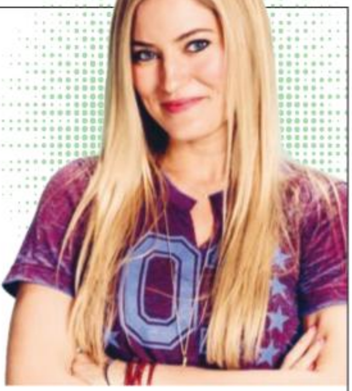
> *—STEFANI ON INSTAGRAM*



YouTube’s iJUSTINE
NO LONGER THE ODD GIRL OUT

These days Justine Ezarik, 32, is best known as the YouTube sensation iJustine, boasting 2.9 million channel subscribers. But what fuels her most is her past as a misfit growing up in rural Washington County, Pa. “I made my first website in sixth grade,” she says. “I was the only girl in my computer programming class.” But the Internet changed all that for Ezarik, who now hopes to return the favor. “Being able to connect to people all across the world was life-changing,” says the online star. “Now no one has to feel alone.” **—PATRICK GOMEZ**

JINGER DUGGAR
SHE’S DATING!

Could another Duggar soon be saying ‘I do’? Jinger Duggar, 22, and professional soccer player Jeremy Vuolo, 28, are officially courting—and already looking forward to their future together. “We are very excited to begin this journey,” Vuolo tells *People*. First introduced by Ben Seewald and Jessa (Duggar) Seewald in May, the new duo recently went on a mission trip together, where their relationship blossomed. “It was there that I saw his heart,” Jinger says. “I really admired his character.”

Vuolo, with Jinger in June, played for Major League Soccer club the New York Red Bulls before stepping away to pursue ministry full-time. (His courtship with Jinger will be a big part of the new season of *Jill & Jessa: Counting On* later this summer.)

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Rob and fiancée Blac Chyna are open about their love on social media. (She posted the 28 bouquets Rob got for her 28th birthday to Instagram; Chyna also shared their baby's sonogram.) Rob with his family in 2010 (bottom).

ROB KARDASHIAN

A NEW BABY…AND A NEW SHOW!

Over the last three years Rob Kardashian became a recluse, gained a dangerous amount of weight and seemed to be isolating himself from his famous family. But now he is back in the limelight—and making up for lost time. "Rob is happier than ever," says a family insider of the Kardashians' only brother, 29. "He's finally excited about life again."

That's thanks in large part to his fiancée of three months, Blac Chyna, 28, who is expecting their first child this November. Even Rob's older sisters Kourtney, 37, Kim, 35, and Khloé, 31, have warmed to Chyna, after initially opposing the relationship. (Their youngest sister Kylie Jenner, 18, had been dating Tyga, the father of Chyna's 3-year-old son, until May.) Despite his sisters' initial frostiness, "they've gotten over their issues and welcomed her in," says the source. "At one point they thought Rob was going to die. They feel Chyna saved him."

'ROB WAS ALWAYS A HAPPY GUY. NOW HE HAS A REASON TO SMILE AGAIN'

As the pair plan for their wedding (which a source says will happen only after the baby arrives), Rob's sisters are spending more time with the couple, even filming for their upcoming E! show *Rob & Chyna.* There has still been drama, however. "Rob says whatever he thinks. He has no filter," says the source. "He calls the girls out if there are issues and is so upfront." But an insider says the mood is decidedly lighter than in recent years: "He used to be a goofy guy. Now that's coming back." —**AILI NAHAS**

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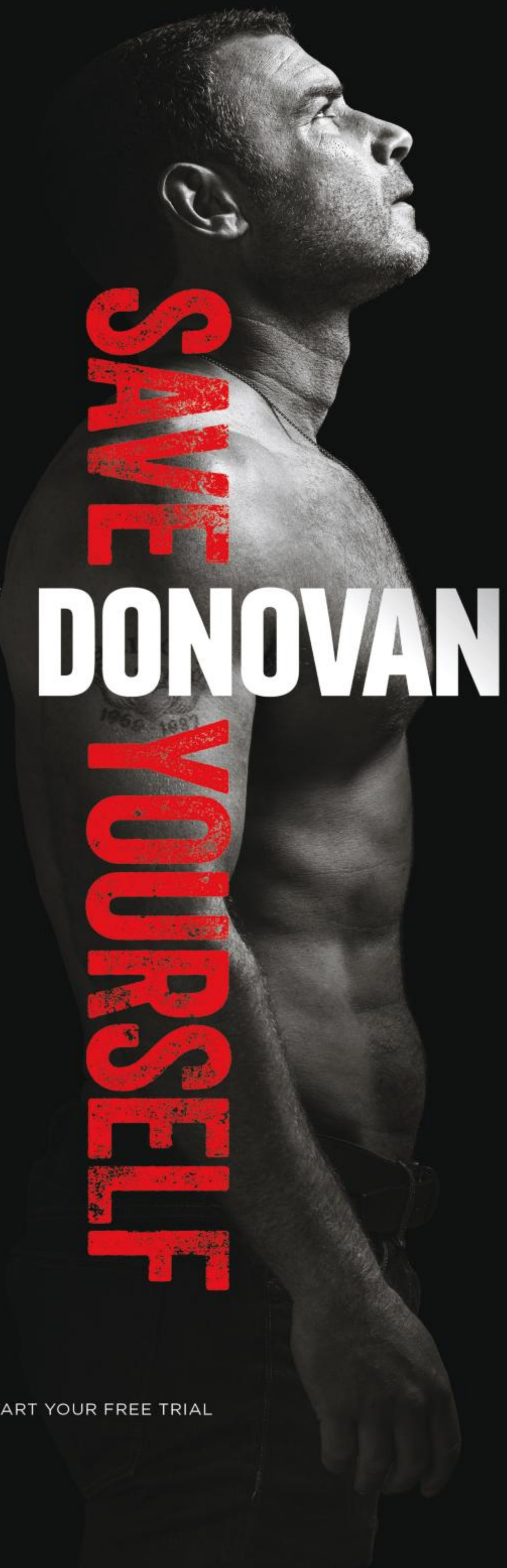
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MY LITTLE GIRL IS ALL GROWN UP!

Gwyneth Paltrow, 43, says she can't believe how quickly her daughter Apple, 12, is turning into a young woman. "It's terrifying!" Paltrow jokes. "She's so tall and really has her own life. It's crazy!" Paltrow, who also has son Moses, 10, with ex-husband Chris Martin, recently had to let go of one tactic for keeping Apple from growing up too fast: curbing electronic devices. "She was the last one of her friends to get a phone," Paltrow admits, though Mom eventually had to relent. Luckily, even though adolescence is beckoning, Apple still shares plenty of interests with her mom, the founder of Goop. "She's very into cooking, beauty, makeup—she watches YouTube tutorials a lot and is very into fashion," Paltrow told *People* at Svedka Vodka's launch event for its Cucumber Lime flavor at the Svedka Country Club in L.A. And Apple's grandma Blythe Danner, Paltrow's mom, is racing to keep up with her brood. "I'm having a ball with my grandchildren," says Danner, 73. "I have two on this coast and two on that coast, so I'm hopping back and forth all the time. Loving it."

—**MIA McNIECE AND NICOLE SANDS**

Paltrow posted a pic with Apple and Moses in Barcelona.

MERLE DANDRIDGE

ONE to WATCH

Merle Dandridge, 41, grew up regularly attending church, so taking on the role of Grace Greenleaf in the new Oprah Winfrey-produced show *Greenleaf*, about a family's megachurch in Memphis, was easy. But meeting costar Winfrey for the first time? Not so much. "I think I went into a moment of emotional paralysis, because I don't remember a whole lot of what happened," she says. "But it all gets disarmed when you go to work with her, because she's just so present with you." —JESSICA FECTEAU

3 CONFESSIONS WITH ANDRA DAY

THE "RISE UP" SINGER, 31, WILL PERFORM TRACKS FROM HER DEBUT, *CHEERS TO THE FALL*, AT THE ESSENCE FESTIVAL IN NEW ORLEANS ON JULY 3.

She's friendly with the First Family.

"When I walked in to the Ray Charles tribute at the White House and heard the President and First Lady say, 'Oh, good to see you again, Andra! We're so proud of you!' it was incredible. They are very approachable people. I can't even say it was a dream come true, because it was something so big I hadn't actually dreamt it!"

She hustled for 15 years doing odd jobs before breaking into the music biz.

"I cleaned apartments. I had a paper route. I worked at a fish taco place in San Diego, and they promoted me from counter girl to fish-fry girl, but that only lasted for a day because I kept throwing up! And I worked at a company called Party Animals for a short period of time—I'd show up to birthday parties as Dora the Explorer or Mickey Mouse."

She's a dancer—but not of the twerking variety.

"I'm actually a trained dancer of 21 years: ballet, tap, lyrical. I'll have to figure out some creative way to incorporate it [into my set]!"

—**JEFF NELSON**

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NICK & IGGY

THE ENGAGEMENT IS OFF

There will be no "Fancy" wedding for Iggy Azalea and Nick Young: The couple called it quits after 2½ years together. "Although I love Nick and have tried to rebuild my trust in him— it's become apparent in the last few weeks I am unable to," the rapper, 26, wrote on Instagram on June 19. Young simply tweeted "Single." Those trust issues flared in March after a video showed her fiancé, 31, who plays for the L.A. Lakers, bragging about his alleged infidelity. "Futures can be rewritten, and as of today mine is a blank page," Azalea added in her post. As for the near future: Her second album, *Digital Distortion,* is expected this year, and she'll return to her native land Down Under to judge the upcoming season of *The X Factor Australia.*

—JEFF NELSON

CATCHING UP WITH… VIVICA A. FOX

You're back for *Independence Day: Resurgence.* What's your favorite memory from making the original *Independence Day* 20 years ago? I'll never forget the day I received the call that I got the part. I was on the soap opera *The Young and the Restless,* and this was a huge movie. I ran around my little condo in Inglewood screaming, "I got it! I got it!"

What was it like working with Will Smith? It was awesome. Will and Jada had just started dating and were head over heels in love. I told Jada, "Honey, I got to kiss your man, so don't be tripping." And she said, "Girl, dive on in; just load up on that Binaca." We won Best Kiss at the MTV Movie Awards.

Do you still keep in touch with the Smiths? Oh yeah, they throw the best parties. It's so amazing to watch the kids grow up. It's like, "You were 4 and now you're at the Met Gala, oh my God!"

You also have a show out this fall about male exotic dancers. Yes, *Vivica's Black Magic* on Lifetime. It was awesome for me because I was the head chick in charge of bossing around eight beautiful men. **— MIA McNIECE**

"I am so grateful that I am still here," Fox, 51, says of her career 20 years later.

ELLEN BURSTYN

WHAT MY Dog KNOWS ABOUT ME!

THE *HOUSE OF CARDS* ACTRESS AND OSCAR WINNER APPEARS NEXT IN DIRECTOR TODD SOLONDZ'S UPCOMING DARK COMEDY *WEINER-DOG*

"My dog knows all my secrets, but she's sworn to secrecy!" Ellen Burstyn, 83, says of her rescue dog Zoe, a mutt who Burstyn says is "a mixture of…something and something!" (Her biggest hunch is terrier and Tibetan spaniel.) The decorated actress, one of only a few performers to win the Triple Crown of Acting (an Oscar, an Emmy and a Tony), says Zoe is very in tune with Burstyn's emotions. "If I cry, she comes and licks my tears," she says. "If I'm just really sad but not necessarily crying, she comes and licks my cheeks anyway as though the tears were there. She also watches what shoes I put on, because that indicates whether she's going with me or not. If I put on athletic shoes, she knows we're going out for a walk. If I get dressed up in something fancy, she knows that's not going to include her, so she turns her back on me and walks away!" **—KARA WARNER**

Burstyn with Zoe in 2003.

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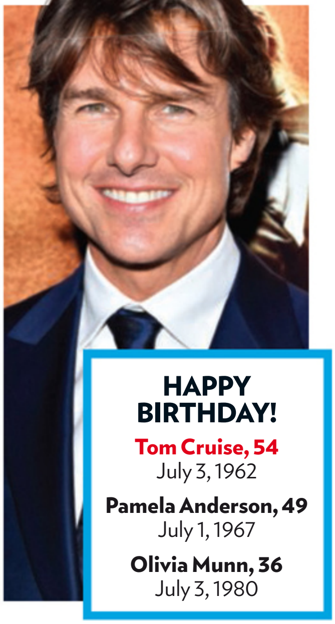
Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher



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Tom Cruise, 54
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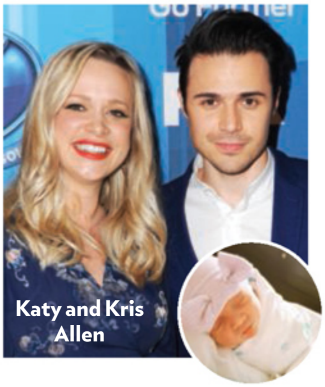
BABY NEWS

Ashton Kutcher, 38, and **Mila Kunis,** 32, are expecting their second child. The couple are already parents to daughter **Wyatt,** 21 months. ● **Chelsea Clinton,** 36, and her husband, investment banker **Marc Mezvinsky,** 38, welcomed their second child, son **Aidan Clinton,** on June 18. "Marc and I are overwhelmed with gratitude and love as we celebrate the birth of our son," Clinton wrote on Twitter to announce his arrival. The newborn joins big sister **Charlotte,** 21 months. ● *The Danish Girl's* **Eddie Redmayne,** 34, and his wife, **Hannah,** 32, welcomed their first child, daughter **Iris Mary,** on June 15. ● *American Idol* season 8 winner **Kris Allen,** 30, and wife **Katy** welcomed their second child, daughter **Rose Elizabeth** (inset), on June 18. "Excuse me while I go learn how to braid hair on YouTube for the next 13 years . . . cuz that's how long it's gonna take me," the singer wrote on Instagram. Rosie joins big brother **Oliver,** 2. ● *Real Housewives of Orange County's* **Meghan King Edmonds,** 31, is expecting her first child, a girl, with her husband, former MLB player **Jim Edmonds,** 45, this fall. ● *Spy Kids* star **Alexa PenaVega,** 27, and her husband, Big Time Rush's **Carlos,** 26, announced on June 16 that they are expecting their first child together. ● *Survivor* champion **Kim Spradlin,** 33, and her husband, **Bryan Wolfe,** welcomed their third child on June 1, a baby boy named **Walt.** The newborn joins big brother **Michael,** 2, and big sister **August,** 1.


Katy and Kris Allen

Chelsea Clinton, Marc Mezvinsky and son Aidan

Tragedy in Orlando

Remembering Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21, who was killed in the Pulse nightclub attack: 'He was loved by everyone'

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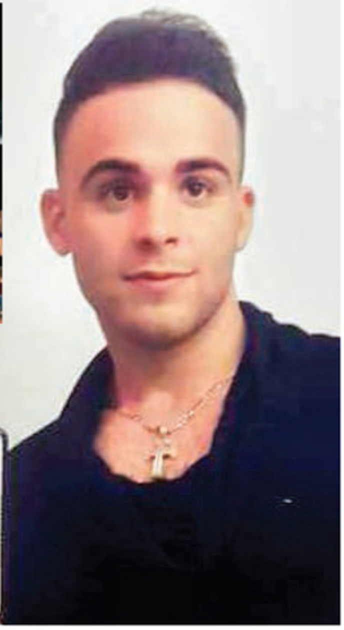

On the cover of last week's issue, *People* featured 48 of the 49 victims killed on June 12 at a popular gay club in Orlando. At press time, *People* could not confirm the photo of 21-year-old student Alejandro Barrios Martinez (right). Gunman Omar Mateen, 29, entered downtown's Pulse and began firing, leaving behind a staggering death toll that stands as the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. Martinez was among those whose families now face indescribable grief. The native of Cuba had left his homeland for Florida in 2014 with "many dreams," his cousin Alvaro Alvarez tells *People*. "Since he was a boy, he was loving, intelligent and creative," he says of the young man, who loved music and singing. "He was very happy. Even in the most difficult times, he didn't lose his humor." While transcripts of the 911 calls made by the shooter were released on Monday and politicians debated gun-control measures, friends and relatives of the victims attended funerals and bid a final goodbye to their loved ones. Martinez, whose mother and grandparents still reside in Cuba, made his family a priority despite living so far away from them. "Our family has been destroyed. We can't believe what has happened," Alvarez says. "He was loved by everyone that knew him." —**ELAINE ARADILLAS**

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Julianna at home with mom Michelle and dad Steve last December.

HEAVEN or HOSPITAL

Heaven or Hospital: A Little Girl's Fight Ends

Julianna Snow, 5, died at home on June 14

Terminally ill Julianna Snow—whose story sparked debate last fall when mom Michelle Moon said her 5-year-old daughter "wanted to choose heaven over the hospital" after enduring grueling treatments—died at her Washougal, Wash., home on June 14. "We have no regrets," Moon, 43, tells *People*. "She died in her princess room in my arms. She was comfortable." Julianna had a severe form of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, an incurable degenerative neuromuscular illness that took away her ability to walk, eat and breathe on her own. "I feel like the luckiest mom in the world, for God somehow entrusted me with this glorious child," Moon wrote on her blog (juliannayuri.com). "She is free now."

—**NICOLE WEISENSEE EGAN**

SPLIT

Real Housewives of New York City's **Jules Wainstein,** 35, and her husband, investment banker **Michael,** are separating after eight years of marriage. They have two children: son **Jagger,** 8, and daughter **Rio,** 5.

Ron Lester

HOSPITALIZED

Actress **Selma Blair,** 44, was removed from an international flight on a stretcher on June 20 and taken to a Los Angeles hospital. The *American Crime Story* star had been vacationing in Cancún, Mexico, with her 4-year-old son **Arthur Saint** and the boy's father, **Jason Bleick.**

DEATH

Ron Lester, who was best known for his role as lineman Billy Bob in 1999's *Varsity Blues,* died in a Texas hospital on June 17 after suffering liver and kidney failure. He was 45 years old.

By Jessica Fecteau

Why I *Care*

PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT GIVING BACK

Nikki Reed

The actress, 28, has collaborated with Graziela Gems to support husband Ian Somerhalder's wildlife foundation

More than a year ago, [designer] Graziela Kaufman sent me a pair of earrings as a gift. They were so beautiful, but they didn't fit, so I wanted to write her a note and return them. When I looked online for information about her, I saw that she loved animals as much as I did—she was devoted to rescuing dogs. Her team reached out to me and said that she wanted to potentially design jewelry and donate the proceeds to a cause. She was so inspired by the Ian Somerhalder Foundation (ISF) because we help in many different ways, including emergency medical grants for animals. We just did a spay-and-neuter clinic in New Mexico on a reservation. A lot of cats and dogs are running around homeless, and they're overbreeding and spreading disease. The team from ISF treated 114 animals, and many needed extra attention for wounds. Much of this Graziela collection is focused on elephants and rhinos, because I'm so passionate about ending poaching, but there are many animals represented in the jewelry pieces. There are designs for men and women; Ian wears the turquoise ring ($159) and the bracelet ($139). I hope people wear them and feel like they're a part of something: 60 percent of the purchase price goes to the foundation, and they're helping make the world a better place by saving animals and helping economies all over the world. —**REPORTED BY CATHERINE KAST**

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“I am overwhelmed by the support,” said mom Tina Grimmie (left, with husband Bud) at the June 17 service, where Christina’s brother Marcus also spoke.

CHRISTINA GRIMMIE
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A Family’s Emotional Goodbye

BROKENHEARTED RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND FANS GATHER TO MOURN THE TALENTED YOUNG SINGER

As Christina Grimmie’s mom, Tina, addressed the more than 1,500 mourners packed into Fellowship Alliance Chapel in Medford, N.J., on June 17 to remember her 22-year-old daughter, she recalled the bubbly, talented girl who would later become a sensation on NBC’s *The Voice*. “I could tell you about the memories of when she was a baby and she la-la-la’ed, and when she was getting a bath I’d tell her to sing for Jesus,” Tina managed to say as she sobbed for her daughter, who died on June 11 after being shot by an obsessed fan during a meet and greet in Orlando. “The last time I saw my daughter was on my birthday, May 25,” recalled Christina’s mom. “I always told her I loved her and to put God first.” Christina’s father, Bud, kept his arms wrapped tightly around his wife and thanked the mourners, some of whom had waited in line for more than three hours to pay their respects. “This crowd has blessed me beyond words,” he said. “There is this gigantic hole in my heart that I know is never going to go away, but God showed me he is way bigger than that hole.”

‘There is this gigantic hole in my heart that I know is never going to go away’
—BUD GRIMMIE

Christina’s brother Marcus, 23, who was with her at the time of the shooting and tackled the gunman, also took the stage to share thoughts of his beloved “baby sister.” Addressing the crowd, he said, “All I can say is thank God for the mark she left on this world. It’s more and more clear to me now than it ever was before.” He also spoke of the warmth his sister showed toward everyone she met—even in her final moments. “When the gunman came, he was very quick—it happened so fast,” he said. “Her arms were open and she saw Jesus next. Her arms were open for him. Her arms were open at all times.”—**DANIELLE ANDERSON**
with Diane Herbst

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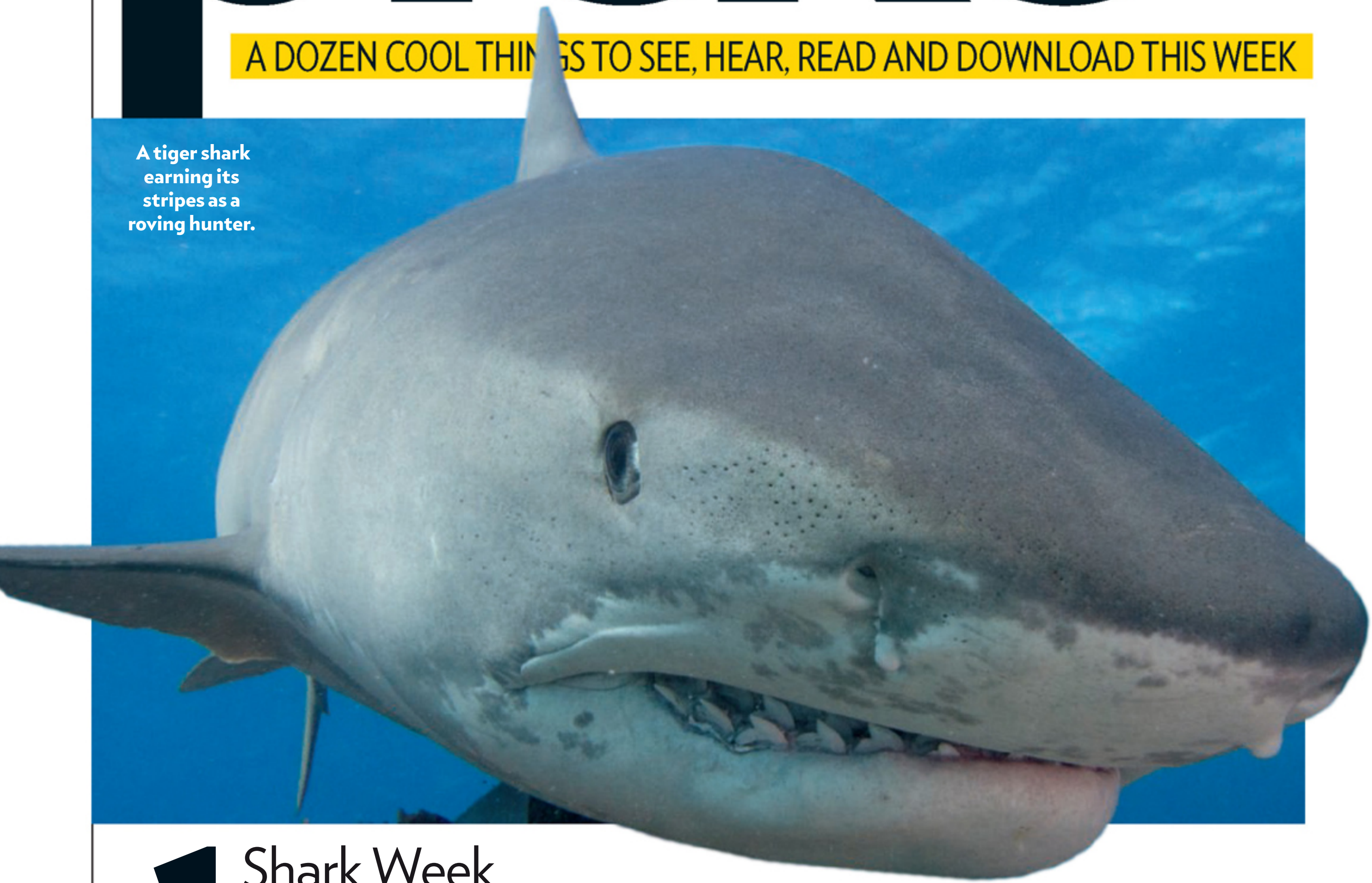


A tiger shark earning its stripes as a roving hunter.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

No. 1

Shark Week

Discovery's exciting, informative summer marathon never gets long in the tooth

TV **NATURE** Sharks don't play well with others. That's one of the themes of Discovery's annual programming superblock dedicated to everyone's favorite blunt-nosed ocean predator. *Sharks vs. Dolphins: Face-Off (June 29, 10 p.m.)* zeroes in on the question: How often do sharks succeed in making a meal out of the aquatic ambassadors of cute? To start with, sharks aren't just swimming Mack trucks with teeth: They're clever enough to disable a dolphin by nipping its fin. Then again, one aggressive dolphin named JoJo warded off a shark by shoveling sand into its gills to suffocate it. (We could all use a JoJo.) *Shark Bait (July 1, 9 p.m.)* focuses on the seals of Cape Cod, a new hunting ground for sharks. There are also shows about behemoth sharks: a 1,000-lb. mako, a great white named Deep Blue. Shark Week makes you marvel at our planet and glad that you live on the dry part. *(Launches June 26, 8 p.m.)*

MORE JAWSOME THRILLS, NEXT PAGE…

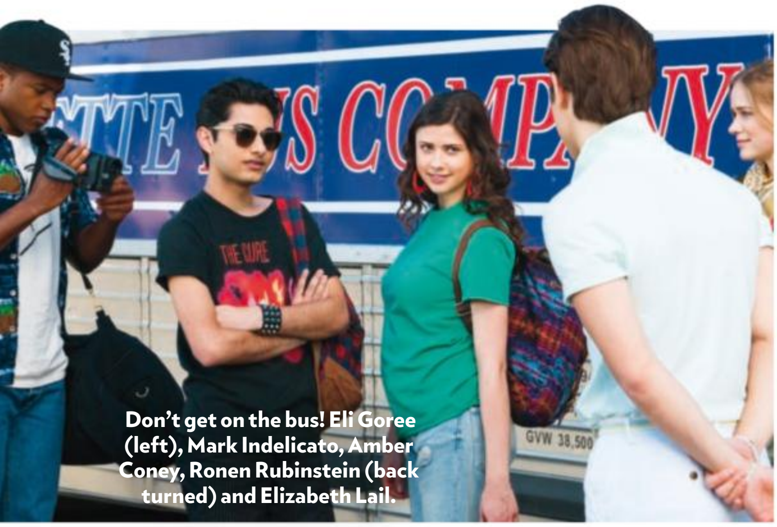
SHARK WEEK BONUS

I Swam with Sharks!

Sixty feet below the surface, *People*'s Emily Strohm comes face-to-face with one of the ocean's top predators

The No. 1 rule in scuba diving is never hold your breath, but when you're at the bottom of the ocean, staring a 17-ft. tiger shark in the eye, it's easy to forget that rule—and question what business you have being down there in the first place. My only experience with sharks was watching them in movies, so when the Discovery Channel asked for a *People* staffer to go diving with sharks in Tahiti for Shark Week, I couldn't resist. I promptly got certified to scuba dive and two weeks later found myself clinging to a rock 60 ft. underwater as one of the ocean's most incredible creatures swam around me. With its razor-sharp teeth just inches away, I was terrified but completely captivated. Thankfully I had one very important resource: film director, actor and *Shark After Dark* host Eli Roth. "It's peaceful, and they are beautiful, majestic creatures," he told me just before we jumped into the Pacific. One dive later, I was a believer.

Emily Strohm with Eli Roth (*Inglourious Basterds*) in Tahiti.



Don't get on the bus! Eli Goree (left), Mark Indelicato, Amber Coney, Ronen Rubinstein (back turned) and Elizabeth Lail.

No. 2

Dead of Summer

Nothing but you, the stars and possibly the ghost of a maniac

TV **HORROR** As Camp Stillwater reopens under a new owner (*Lost*'s Elizabeth Mitchell), the just-arrived counselors celebrate with a swim. Too bad about the corpse bobbing in the water—and about the cabin fire and the psychic vision that may relate to a serial killer (or his ghost). The atrocities quickly pile up in this horror-lite series. S'more the merrier. *(Freeform, June 28, 9 p.m.)*

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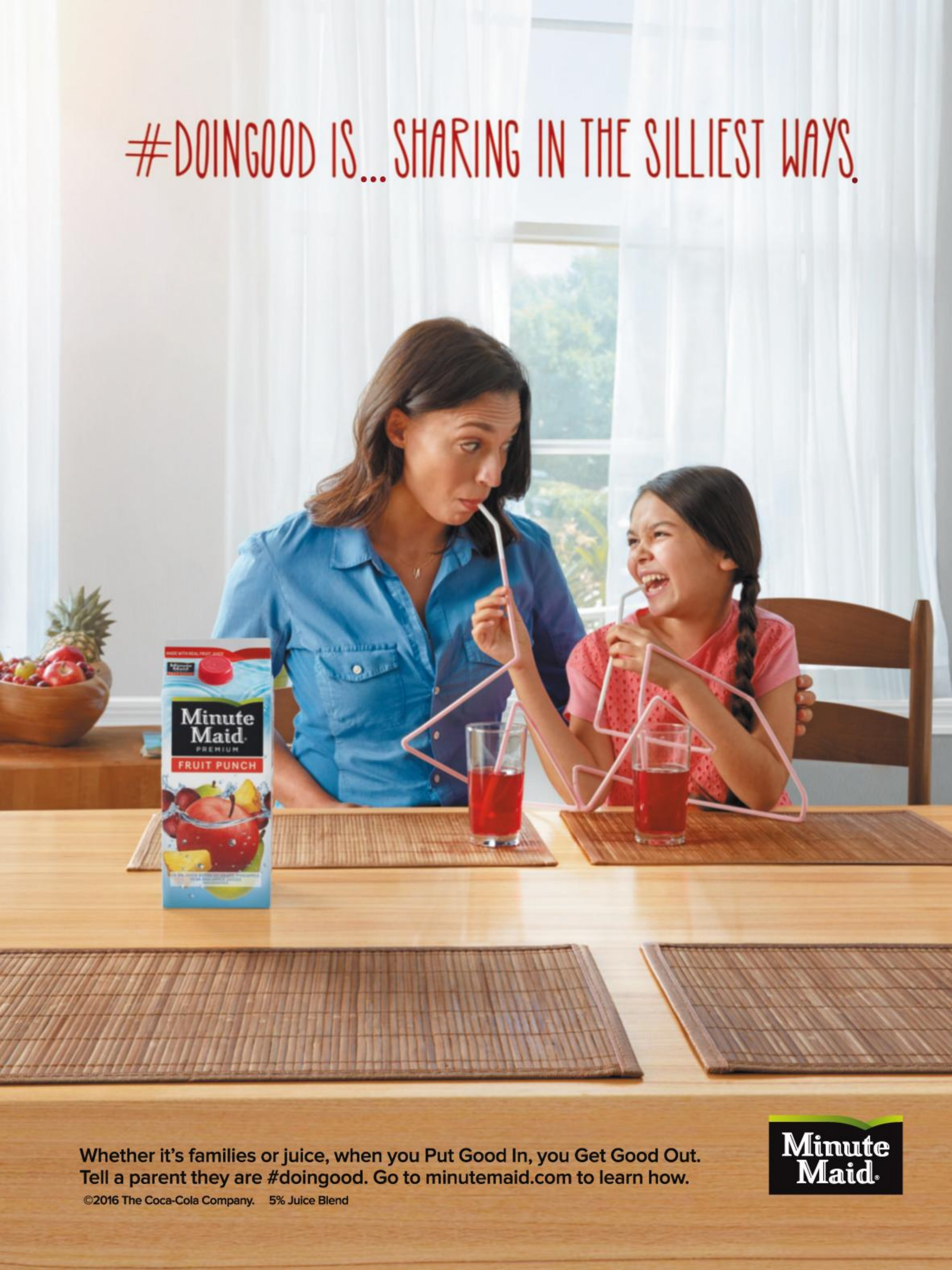
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A boy and his dog (for now): Charlie Tahan and Wiener-Dog.

No. 3

Wiener-Dog

Man's best friend might also be his Zen master

MOVIE **COMEDY** Director Todd Solondz's forlorn, bleakly funny movie is the odyssey of a dachshund as she passes from one owner to another: a sick little boy (who names her Wiener-Dog), a failed film writer (Danny DeVito), an angry old lady (Ellen Burstyn). The dog quietly, unquestioningly adapts—it's the people who howl. A Mexican hitchhiker says the sadness of America makes him feel "like a big fat elephant drowning in a sea of despair." The dog, wisely, naps. *(In limited release June 24, R)*

Scott (left) on banjo and Seth on guitar.

No. 4

Avett Brothers, *True Sadness*

MUSIC

FOLK ROCK The Americana mainstays, led by brothers Scott and Seth, switch up their acoustic stompers on their latest, experimenting with EDM beats (standouts: "You Are Mine," "Satan Pulls the Strings"). The sincerity of the lyrics keeps the boys true to their roots.

No. 5

The BET Awards

TV

Black-ish stars Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross are back to host the annual awards saluting African-American entertainers. (They're both up for trophies, by the way.) The night will include musical performances by Maxwell and Alicia Keys, plus a tribute to that late genre-hopping genius Prince. *(BET, June 26, 8 p.m.)*

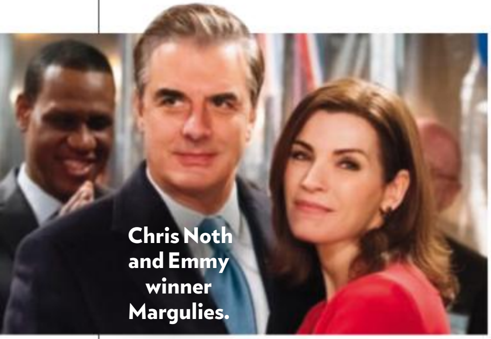
FROM TOP: LINDA CALLERUS/AMAZON STUDIOS/IFC FILMS; GABRIEL OLSEN/GETTY IMAGES; BET NETWORKS

Magic! knows how to cast a sexy spell.

No. 6 Magic!, 'Red Dress'

MUSIC POP

The reggae quartet, who topped the charts in 2014 with their breakout "Rude," are back with a single that boasts a breezy island vibe and a hook that's happily contagious. Vocalist Nasri nearly loses his cool waiting for a date to pick her outfit—then can't wait for her to remove it. Put this on before going out to paint the town red.



Chris Noth and Emmy winner Margulies.

No. 7 The Good Wife

HULU DRAMA

If you plan to binge-watch all seven seasons of Julianna Margulies's great, now-concluded legal drama, bring your gray cells. This isn't lazy summer viewing. The plotting is a subtle, almost impenetrable tangle of double-crosses. Once done you'll be so impressed you may be tempted to check out *BrainDead*, the new CBS series from *Wife's* creators. Don't. The gray cells will turn to ash. *(Launches June 20)*

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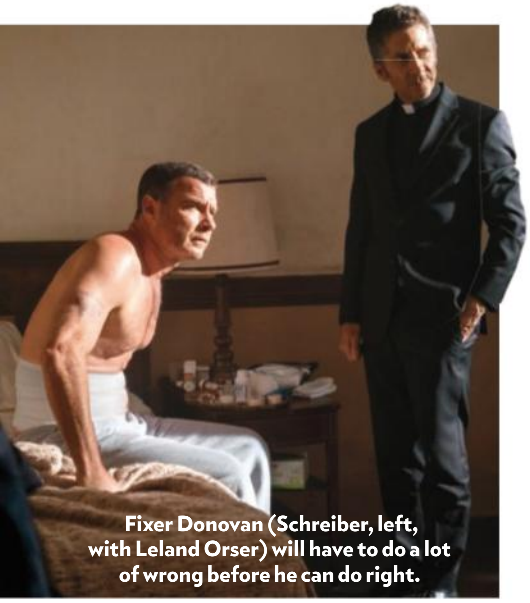
No. 8 Ray Donovan

TV

DRAMA Liev Schreiber's performance as L.A.'s go-to fixer hasn't lost its kick, its suggestion of a strong man struggling against his own moral rot (his stubble could be mold). Season 4 starts with Ray framing a cop and kidnapping a woman. His work ethic, anyway, is superb. *(Showtime, June 26, 9 p.m.)*



Fixer Donovan (Schreiber, left, with Leland Orser) will have to do a lot of wrong before he can do right.

Selena Gomez, as a girl heading to Colorado, also joins Rudd.

No. 9 The Fundamentals of Caring

Paul Rudd, strong and essentially soulful

NETFLIX

COMEDY DRAMA Rudd serious isn't all that far removed from Rudd funny: There's the same air of disappointment, as if something had put his well-shaped nose slightly out of joint. Here he's an author, too sad to write since a personal loss, who becomes caregiver to an 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy (Craig Roberts). Trading sarcasms, the pair take a road trip to the world's largest pit—everyone acknowledges it as an obvious metaphor for life at its grimmest—and start to climb back toward happiness. Rudd gives this story the gentle but persistent lift it needs. *(Launches June 24)*

No. 10 Christina Aguilera, 'Change'

MUSIC

R&B It's been four years since Aguilera released new solo material. But after the June 12 shooting at gay Orlando nightclub Pulse, she was moved to release "Change," a track she had been preparing for her next LP. Proceeds from the gospel ballad will benefit victims and their families in Florida. "Waiting for a change to set us free," sings Aguilera, her powerhouse pipes front and center. "Waiting for a day that hate is lost and love is found." This is an anthem that pushes past hurt and on toward healing.

Carpenter (left) and Carson as the panicked sitters.

No. 11 Adventures in Babysitting

TV

COMEDY

A reboot of the popular 1987 comedy, *Babysitting* is about rival sitters, one a conscientious pro (Sabrina Carpenter), the other a newbie (Sofia Carson) who thinks she can wing it. She can't—the girls, and their charges, wind up on a crazy chase in the city. Perfect silliness for whichever babies need sitting. *(Disney, June 24, 8 p.m.)*

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No. 12 The Best New Books

A Mr. Right who might be wrong, an embed with the animals and a surprising take on the role of beauty

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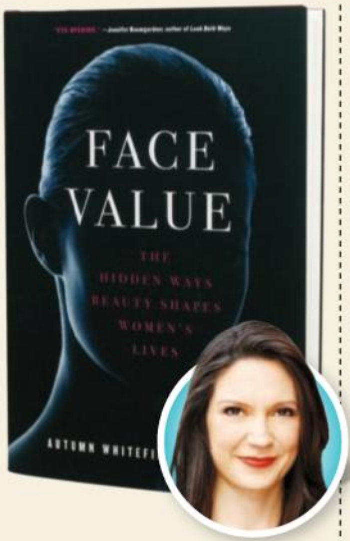
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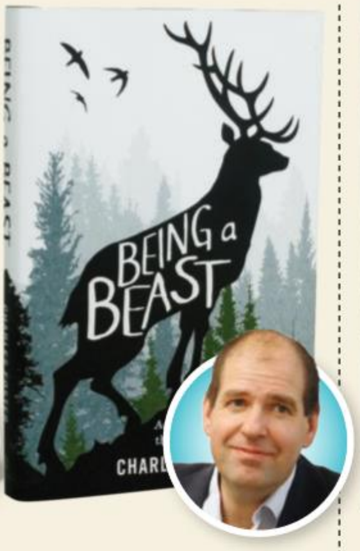
Face Value

NONFICTION Wait, what? Is it possible women aren't as victimized by media images of physical perfection as we thought? Citing research and examining everything from compliments (is "cute" a dis?) to photoshopping, the author comes to a provocative conclusion: The *real* beauty myth might be that caring about appearance is bad for us.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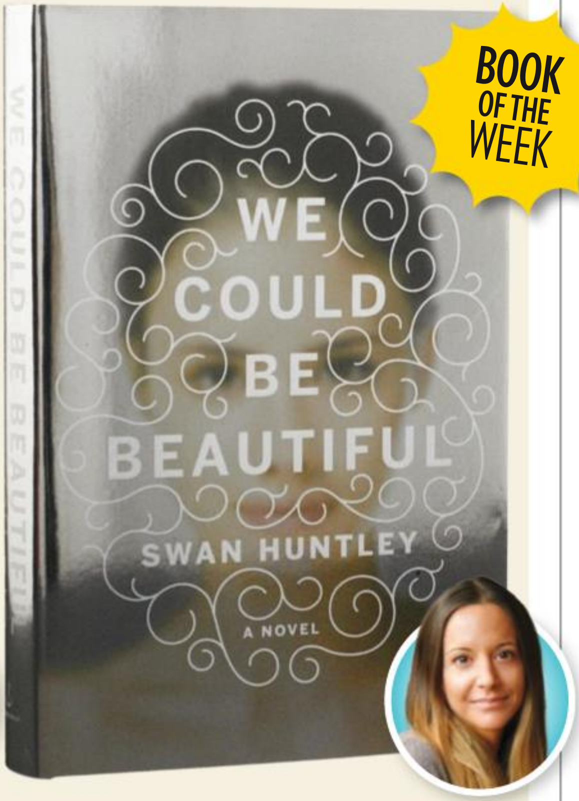
Charles Foster
Being a Beast

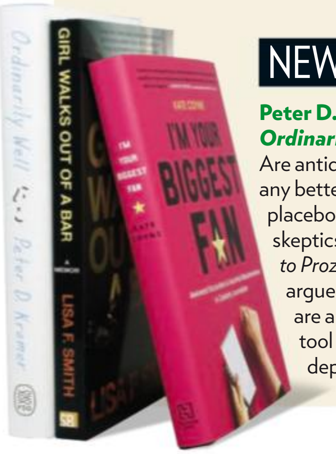
NONFICTION Take a walk on the wild side with animal expert Foster, whose curiosity about what it's like to live as a badger, red fox or deer led him to actually try it: He ate worms, slept in a burrow and was tracked by hounds, for starters. Foster's quirky book shows how emulating animals not only helps our understanding of them—it makes us more human.

BOOK OF THE WEEK


WE COULD BE BEAUTIFUL
SWAN HUNTLEY
A NOVEL

Swan Huntley
We Could Be Beautiful

NOVEL At 43, Catherine has plenty to be grateful for: impeccable taste, an art-filled Greenwich Village apartment and a trust fund. But she's dying for a family, so when—after two broken engagements—she meets debonair William at a gala, she falls hard. The only problem? Her mom and her former nanny believe William's not what he seems. A riveting psychological thriller, Huntley's debut takes you inside the world of Manhattan's elite—and keeps you on tenterhooks.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NEW IN NONFICTION

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Ordinarily Well

Are antidepressants any better than placebos? Taking on skeptics, the *Listening to Prozac* author argues that drugs are an essential tool in easing depression's pain.

Lisa F. Smith
Girl Walks Out of a Bar

A successful corporate lawyer, Smith found herself spiraling into addiction and alcoholism. This powerful memoir chronicles her dizzying fall and the road back.

Kate Coyne
I'm Your Biggest Fan

Robert Downey Jr., Mariska Hargitay, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks . . . *People*'s executive editor has encountered them all—and has the often mortifying, always hilarious stories to prove it.

Kid Pick!

Paul Griffin
When Friendship Followed Me Home

In this beguiling tearjerker, a foster kid's luck slowly changes after he befriends a scruffy pup he finds outside the library. (10 and up.)

a novel by PAUL GRIFFIN
WHEN FRIENDSHIP followed ME HOME

INSETS, FROM LEFT: SIOUXSIE SUAREZ; COURTESY CHARLES FOSTER; NICHOLAS LATIMER; (BOOKS) PETER ZAMBOUROS(5)

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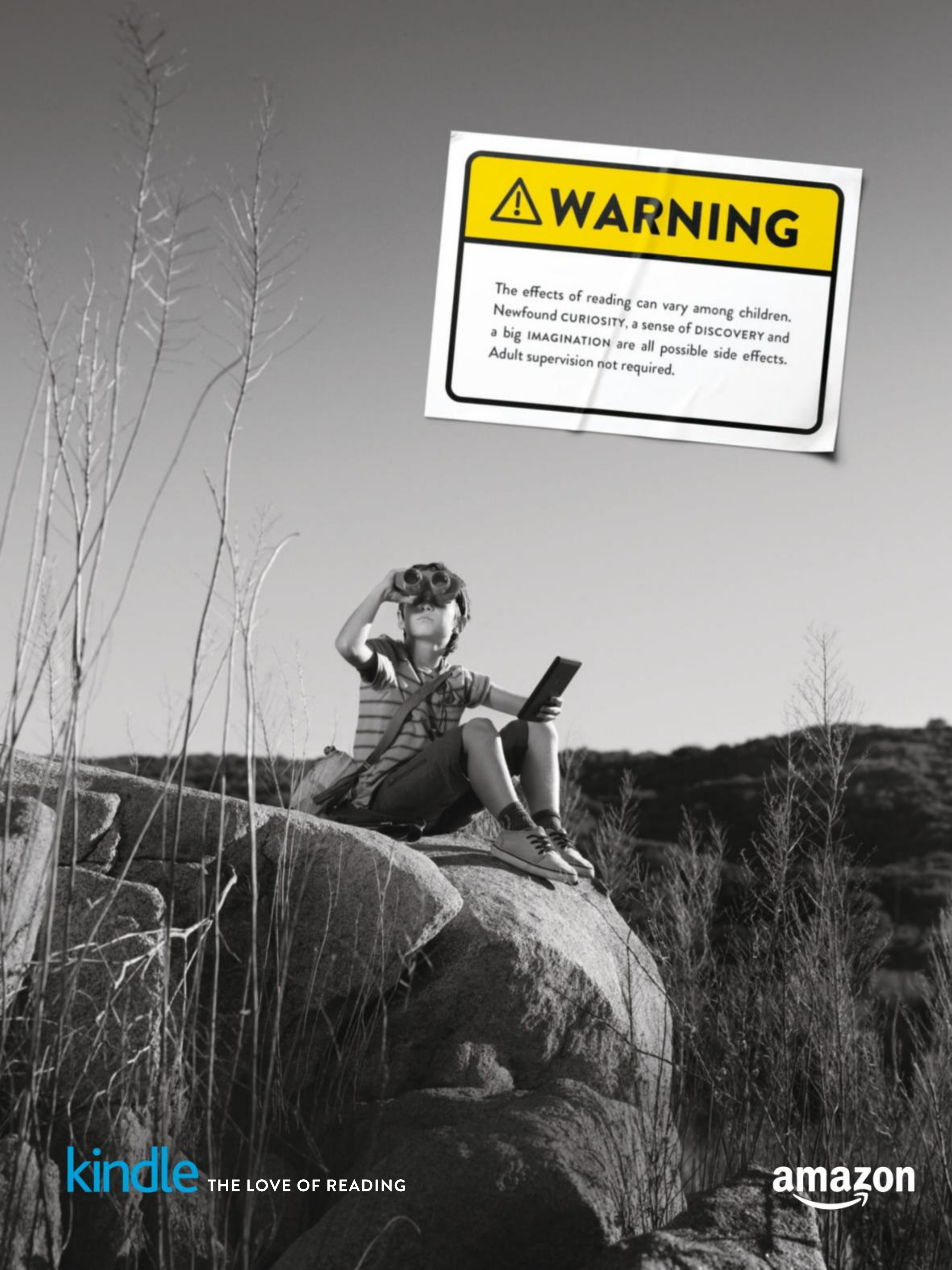

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Matthew McConaughey

He's as all-American as it gets. Raised in Longview, Texas, Matthew McConaughey grew up playing sports and driving pickups and was voted Most Handsome Student of his high school class. He now has an Oscar and he's been globally famous for 20 years, but he never lost his Texas accent.

He carries with him a kind of cowboy spirit—even on a red carpet, even in a perfectly tailored Dolce & Gabbana suit. He says "thank you" a lot. He still calls his mother, Kay, a former schoolteacher, every Sunday. Sitting down with People *and* Entertainment Weekly*'s editorial director for the new online video series* The Jess Cagle Interview, *McConaughey opens up about his evolution as a man and as an actor; he's now starring in the fascinating, provocative new drama* Free State of Jones. *And the father of three (Levi, who turns 8 on July 7; Vida, 6; and Livingston, 3) talks about how meeting wife Camila Alves changed everything. Asked what bumper sticker sums up his life, he grins. "There's T-shirts and dog bowls and flip-flops that have 'Just keep livin'' and 'All right, all right, all right' on them." But those familiar mottoes aren't his answer. In his smooth southern drawl, McConaughey offers these words to live by: "In process, baby. In process."*

Growing up in Texas, did you ever think you wanted to be an actor?
No. [I wanted to be] a Washington Redskins running back. Then a conductor of symphonies. I've still got, maybe, a chance to do that later on in life. Steve Irwin was always a great idea. Then I had thought about [becoming a] teacher for a while, but then I found a job where I can be all of those for just a few months and then quit.

With *A Time to Kill,* in 1996, you became globally famous overnight.
Over the weekend.

How did celebrity change your relationships with friends and family?
My good friends were all excited. Family was great. I've got a brother [Pat] who didn't like the attention. I've got another brother [Rooster] who's a big ham and loved it. Then I got a mother who knows that all of my talents came from her. Now I can laugh about it, [but] back then I was like, "Hang on, let me figure this out first." K-mac

FREE STATE OF JONES
"We need to go share this piece of American history," McConaughey (with Jacob Lofland) says of his new movie about Newton Knight, who rebelled against the Confederacy.

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Matthew on His Leading Ladies

Sandra Bullock

"Could run her own country. I developed a crush. She's one of a kind."

Jennifer Garner

"No attitude with her. She means it—she cares. She cares about people, she cares about the family, and I could trust Jennifer with anything."

Jennifer Lopez

"Quad threat. Jennifer could do a take, first take, minute one. Second take, minute two, third take . . . It would not vary more than a second off. She knew all the beats and had it down. Very, very hard worker. When Lopez shows up, she goes to work."

Sarah Jessica Parker

"Now, I had a big crush on Sarah Jessica growing up, and I did let her know that. I don't know if it was the first day of shooting or the last, but I did let her know."

Reese Witherspoon

"What's the name of her production [company], Type A? For a reason. She's a worker. She goes to work, and she's going to make her own path. She's very ambitious that way and makes it happen."

[his nickname for his mother] was enjoying this. I said, "Just do me a favor and if anybody wants to do an interview, just check with me first." She's like, "I got it. I got it." Eight days later I get a phone call: "Matthew. Turn on *Hard Copy*. Your mom's on the show. She's got a cameraman walking through your bedroom. She just said that you slept with this girl in this bed." I turn it on; there's my mom giving a tour. I call and I go, "Mom, what are you doing?" She was like, "But he was such a nice guy." All of her stuff was fun and innocent, but still it was like, "Mom. Loose lips can sink ships. Let me handle my narrative, and let me get used to doing this right now before you go off speaking for me or showing people my bedroom."

During your 30s, with hits like *The Wedding Planner* and *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, you became the romantic-comedy king.

How to Lose a Guy is still a gift that keeps on giving. [Residual checks] show up in the mailbox every month from *How to Lose a Guy*. I applaud that. I quite enjoyed doing those [romantic comedies], and they were working, but that became the majority of what I was getting offered. After a while I just said, "Look, there's only so much I can do in those." Films I've been doing lately, I can go as deep into reality and humanity as I want. My basement is as low as I want to go. I can cry as hard, I can laugh as loud, I can love as hard, I can be as full of rage as deep as I want to go. I can also blow the ceiling off of it and show as much joy as I want.

Do you remember the first time you met Camila?

Damn right. [At] Jones, a club [in Los Angeles in 2006]. I'm not a club guy, but I went with my buddy Lance [Armstrong] and some other friends. We'd had a great day at the beach; it was one of those summers where every day was just another green light. I was making margaritas at the table, and out of the corner of my eye this sort of aqua-green figure went floating across the frame about 20 feet in front of me. My eye went up, and I remember what came out of my mouth. I didn't say, "Who is that?" I went, "*What* is that?" As I was trying to get that's attention across the room, I went in my head, "This is not the kind of woman you call over across the room, McConaughey. Get your ass out of the chair and go get her." Which I did. She spoke Portuguese over the loud music, and I spoke and understood Portuguese better than I've ever understood her. I also spoke the best Spanish I've ever spoken, which was close enough to Portuguese that night to be the international language of love. It worked out.

Why do you think Camila was the one?

I believe two things: Got to be the right person,

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A FAMILY MAN

1. A die-hard University of Texas at Austin football fan, he flashed the Longhorn sign in 2009. **2.** Raised in Brazil, Alves (with McConaughey and their kids, from left, Vida, 6, Levi, 7, and Livingston, 3) became a U.S. citizen on Aug. 4, 2015. That day, the actor proudly posted this family photo on Facebook and called his wife "another fellow and great American." **3.** McConaughey, who took home a Screen Actors Guild Award in 2014 for *Dallas Buyers Club*, credits Alves with encouraging him to take chances with his career. "I've never been able to make any excuses with her," he says.

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but it has to be the right time. I was very happily single and healthily single. I was sleeping well, I was spiritually sound, I was good with hanging with me. We met and the self-respect she had, the way I understood her and her relationship with family, the way she respected me but never took anything for granted, not putting on any airs whatsoever... We went on our first date three nights later, and I knew then. The next night after that, I wanted to go out on another date. I've been wanting to go on a date with her for the last nine years and not with anybody else.

What are your kids like?

[Levi is] the architect. Levi observes, Vida sees, Livingston does. [Levi is] the most considerate person I know, but he loves to measure the anatomy of the situation. Very much a perfectionist like me. Vida just makes sense of situations. She cuts right to the nut of the answer. Levi and I'll be trying to figure out the mystery of where the lost car keys are and coming up with scenarios. "Where was the jacket you wore yesterday? Have you checked the pockets?" Like, "Yeah, let's go check." Vida's over in the corner drawing. This goes on for 15 minutes, and all of a sudden Vida will go, "Look what I drew, Papa." You go, "Aw, that's great, Vida." She goes, "Glad you like it. Have you checked the ignition?" Walks off. Sure enough, they're in the ignition. Then Livingston is the doer. He's the monarch.

> 'Part of growing up is you've got to get [past] **being impressed with whatever you're doing'**

As you took more dramatic roles in projects like *Dallas Buyers Club, The Wolf of Wall Street* and *True Detective*, it felt like we discovered Matthew McConaughey all over again. Did it feel that way to you?

No, but I take that as a compliment. For me it felt like changing gears, but I never got out of the car. Just part of the same road trip.

People were genuinely happy for you when you won the Best Actor Oscar in 2014.

I felt that. I still feel that. I think I have generated goodwill over the years. I'm usually happy for others' success, even if they got a job I wanted. I've never been one who felt like I needed to raise myself by putting others down.

You play a real-life character in *Free State of Jones*.

Newton Knight was a man who lived in southeast Mississippi leading up to the Civil War. Had a farm, had a wife, had a kid, wanted to be left well enough alone. He looked around at all of his yeoman farmer buddies and said, "Do you own any slaves?" They were like, "No." He goes, "Me neither. I'm not fighting this war. It's a rich man's war and a poor man's fight. I'm out of here." He deserts. He led a rebellion during the Civil War. For 40 years after the war he lived in an interracial community. He wrote his own constitution, starting with, "If you can stand on two legs, you're a man." He fought for the rights of African-Americans until the day he died, and he still went down in defiance by being buried next to his black wife, Rachel Knight.

With the upcoming presidential election, did you feel like now is a great time for this movie?

I couldn't help but feel a certain very vital relevance. There are definitely issues that are center stage here today. One of the underlying things is that freedom's been something that people have fought for since long before the Civil War. I'm pretty damn sure that it's going to be something they're going to be fighting for long after next year. Yes, we're evolving, but I think it will be continuous work that we've got to do.

You transformed again to play a prospector in *Gold*, coming out at the end of the year.

I got up to 217 lbs. I put on 90 lbs. from 135 in *Dallas Buyers Club*. Trust me, 217 was fun. I kind of miss 217. My family misses 217. I was Captain Fun. It was pizza night any night. Milk shakes? Yes. Cheeseburgers for breakfast? Absolutely. Any indulgence was a good idea.

Where are you now?

One eighty-five. You get hung up on the decades. I got hung up at 210 for two weeks. Once you get to 208, fly down to 201. Hung up at 201 for two weeks, [and] once I got down to 198, fly down to 191 and then hung up for two weeks. Finally I got down to 185, [and] I'm like, "Great. Now I can eat."

When your kids are old enough to Google you, what will you tell them about what they find?

They can freewheel into that. I don't need to contextualize. I'll say this: I'm looking forward to sitting down with my son and watching *Mud*. That's the one my father, I believe, would have been like, "Hey, buddy, you want to see a good movie? Let's watch this one together." I just did my first two voice-overs in animated features [*Kubo and the Two Strings* and *Sing*] because I kept getting asked, "What are your kids' favorite movies?" I'm like, "Papa hasn't made many movies that the kiddos can see."

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The Cagle Exercise

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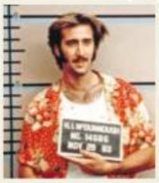
Five eleven and three-quarters.

My last meal would be... and I'd eat it with...
Cheeseburgers. With my hands.

The song that always makes me dance is...
My son's been playing a lot of Coldplay on his keyboard lately, and he can get me moving around.

The movie I've seen the most times is...
Raising Arizona.



It may be heresy, but this is overrated...
Fake boobs.

I feel sexiest when...
The sexiest a man feels is right after the birth of his child. Man's never more masculine than after the birth of a child.

I could talk about this for hours on end...
Sports.

I can sum up my life in this bumper sticker...
In process, baby. In process.

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Plus… 99 More Reasons to Love America

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THE GRAND CANYON | Nothing to see here. Nothing at all. Just perhaps the most stunning geological formation on the globe—a mile deep, up to 18 miles across, and 277 miles long. No wonder nearly 5 million people visit each year.

FIRST RESPONDERS
In times of turmoil or tragedy, they are the people who run *toward* the crisis. They never ask for our gratitude, but they certainly deserve it.

AMAZON PRIME
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BEYONCE'S FORMATION TOUR
When God gives you lemons, you make lemonade. When God gives *Beyoncé* lemons, she makes the best album of the year so far—then takes it on tour.

TRADER JOE'S
The stores are accessible and convenient and sell the best prepackaged food on the planet.

CHRIS PRATT'S INSTAGRAM
It's always funny, sweet and self-deprecating. As if we needed more reasons to love him.

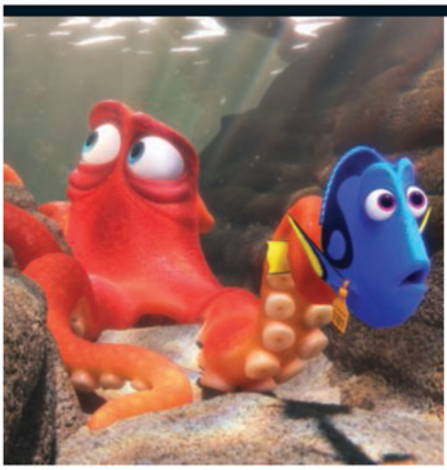
SHONDALAND
Shonda Rhimes continues to churn out some of the most addictively watchable shows in TV history.

SILICON VALLEY
Home to tiny start-ups and tech giants—and proof that America's spirit of innovation is alive and well.

ETSY
Born in Brooklyn, it's an online emporium for all things artisanal.

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMAS
With comfy seats, polite audiences and *real* food and drink, this theater chain is movie-going as it should be.

THE MISTER SOFTEE JINGLE
The iconic ice-cream trucks serve up the *real* song of summer.



◂ **THE OCTOPUS FROM *FINDING DORY***
Grumpy octopod Hank, voiced by *Modern Family*'s Ed O'Neill, totally steals the show. Dory might be offended, if she could remember....

TRANS
IS
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LAVERNE COX
and our commitment to equality

"I love this country," says the *Orange Is the New Black* star, the first trans actor nominated for an Emmy. "There are not a lot of places in the world where my story is even possible." And while there's still work to be done, she says, "the arc of history bends toward progress. I believe that everyone will eventually have full access and equity and justice."

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"The American Dream is still alive—we can build an extraordinary life and find an amazing opportunity." —GWYNETH PALTROW

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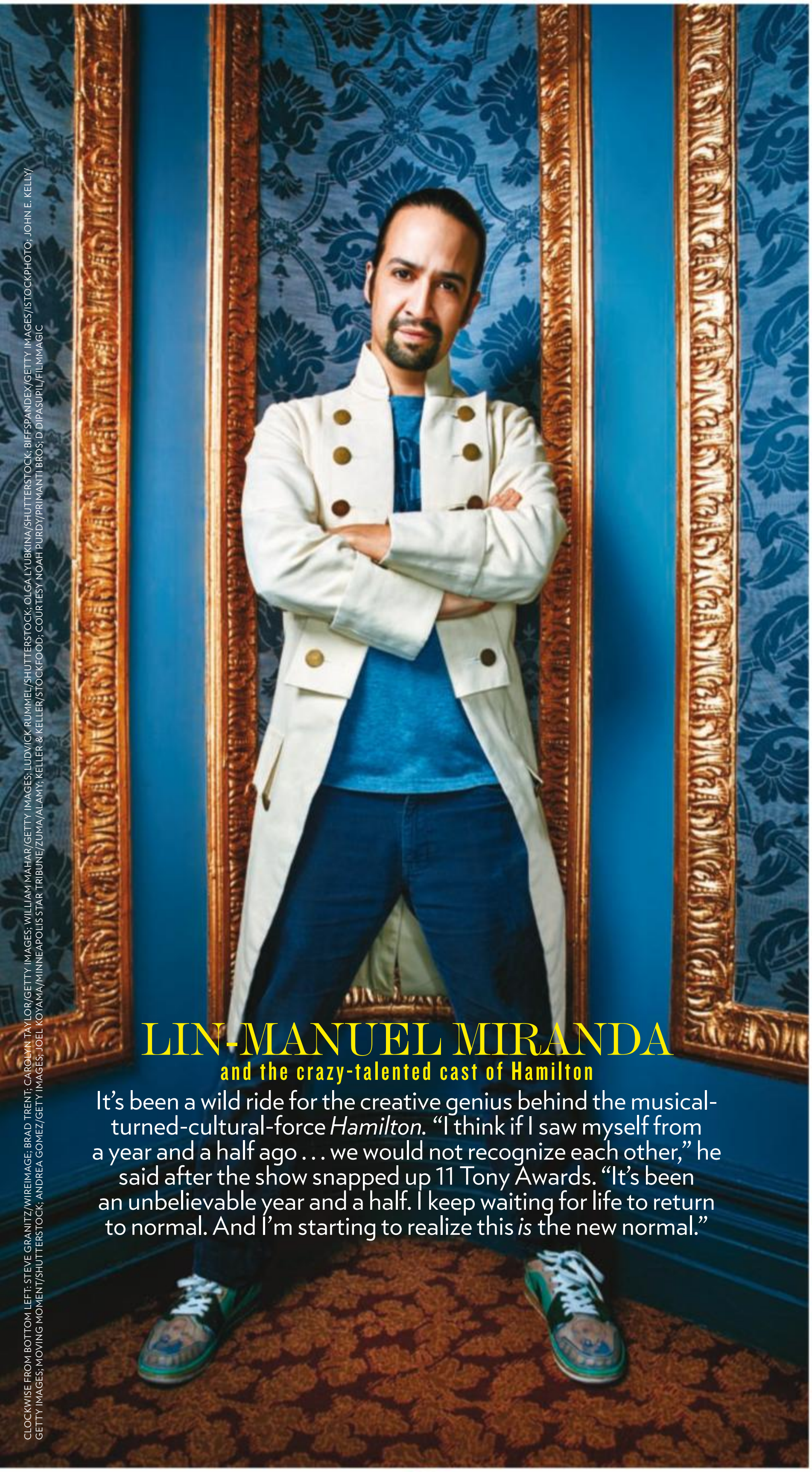

LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

and the crazy-talented cast of Hamilton

It's been a wild ride for the creative genius behind the musical-turned-cultural-force *Hamilton.* "I think if I saw myself from a year and a half ago . . . we would not recognize each other," he said after the show snapped up 11 Tony Awards. "It's been an unbelievable year and a half. I keep waiting for life to return to normal. And I'm starting to realize this *is* the new normal."

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We Have THE BEST Sandwiches

Pimento Cheese
A fave in the South, this sharp spread is a tangy combo of cheddar, mayo, red peppers and at least a few secret spices.

Muffuletta
The New Orleans classic is built on focaccia bread and layered thick with olive salad, pickled veggies, cheese and Italian cold cuts.

Cuban
Southern Florida's version of the panini: filled with ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard, and pressed thin.

Lobster Roll
Heaps of fresh lobster are tossed with mayo (Maine style) or drawn butter (Connecticut style) and piled into a top-split hot dog bun.

Denver Sandwich
Scrambled eggs mixed with ham, green bell pepper and onions are piled between crusty slices of white bread.

French Dip
Invented in L.A. in the early 20th century, the thinly sliced roast beef sub is dunked in its own pan drippings and served with sharp mustard.

Sloppy Joe
The cafeteria staple has Midwestern roots: ground beef, onion, tomato and Worcestershire sauce served on a hamburger bun.

Walleye Sandwich
Thin fillets of Walleye—which swim in Minnesota rivers—are breaded, deep-fried and served on a French loaf with creamy tartar sauce.

Fluffernutter
A smear of peanut butter mixed with marshmallow crème (invented in Massachusetts in 1917) and dribbled onto white sandwich bread.

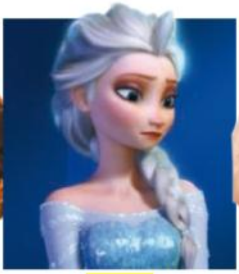
French Fry Sandwich
Made famous by Pittsburgh's Primanti's Brothers, these are stuffed with meat, tomatoes, slaw and, yes, a fistful of fries.

"The public library system." –ALLISON WILLIAMS

"So much culture, specifically in music. It's deep rooted, and it's a beautiful thing." –NICK JONAS

Ta-Nehisi Coates
Required reading: *Between the World and Me*

Girl Scout Cookies
Worth every mouth-watering calorie



Frozen
When Mom needs quiet, it's the coolest babysitter

Zac Efron's Torso
Seriously. What is that, a 10-pack?

Chip & Joanna Gaines
Let's all move to Texas and befriend the Fixer Uppers!

Tom Hanks as Captain Sully
This fall, relive the Miracle on the Hudson in *Sully*

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Midnight scrapple craving? Got you covered

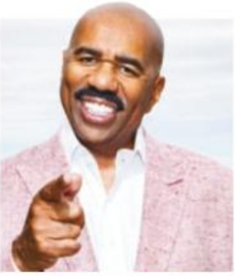
Samantha Bee
The *Full Frontal* host takes no prisoners. Bless her

Red Solo Cups
Serving up party vibes, 18 ounces at a time

Ina Garten
All hail the Barefoot Contessa. (And Jeffrey!)

J.J. Abrams
The Force is strong with this one

Bud's 'America' Cans
The most American of beers takes it one step further



Steve Harvey
The TV host most likely to make you LOL

Jeans
The United States' unofficial uniform

Betty White
A sweet-smiling, dirty-talking national treasure

Shake Shack
Serving gourmet burgers with a side of awesome

LeBron James
He won Cleveland's first title in 52 years. The King.

Route 66
And the allure of the road trip. No map needed.

Ralph Lauren
The designer elevates Americana to an art form

Pickup Trucks
Like the western landscape, rugged but beautiful

Kendrick Lamar
Straight outta Compton, speaking to our very souls

Dolly Parton
Still touring, still shining brighter than 10,000 sequins

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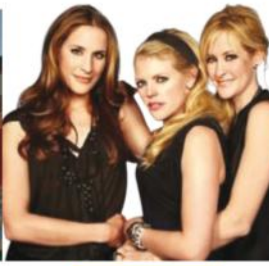

The Dixie Chicks
Reunited—and already talking trash. Bring it!

Chewbacca Lady
Candace Payne is laughing all the way to the bank

"Hamburgers, hot dogs and margaritas. My husband's a chef, so I consume those on a regular basis." –SHIRI APPLEBY

"Grand Central Station." –LAURA LINNEY

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SERENA WILLIAMS

and the celebration of strength

“It took me a while to love my physique—most athletes have a totally different figure,” says the top-ranked tennis champ, 34, who is now equally at home crushing an ace as she is posing on the red carpet. “You have to love yourself, and it will manifest in everything that you do.” So when does she feel the most powerful? “Right when I walk out on the court—those first few steps—I feel so confident and strong.”

“I’m an adventure girl. I love the scenery. I love that there are so many different places around the country that are unique and special.” —JULIANNE HOUGH

JIMMY FALLON

and the art of the joke

The *Tonight Show* host, 41, can't recall the last time he cracked up. It happens too often. "That's just how I exhale," he says. "I love to laugh." But you know what's *really* funny: "my dad trying to turn on his laptop."

THE WHITE HOUSE KITCHEN GARDEN
Started in 2009 by First Lady Michelle Obama, the 1,500-sq.-ft. tract produces vegetables for the family's dinners and official state events. Here's hoping the next tenant has a green thumb . . .

TAILGATING
Because true fans know "game time" is the minute you wake up.

NETFLIX
And chill! The streaming service has forever changed the way we consume entertainment.

SXSW
South by Southwest is not so "indie" anymore. But Austin, Texas's movie, music and tech fest still has plenty of cool cred.

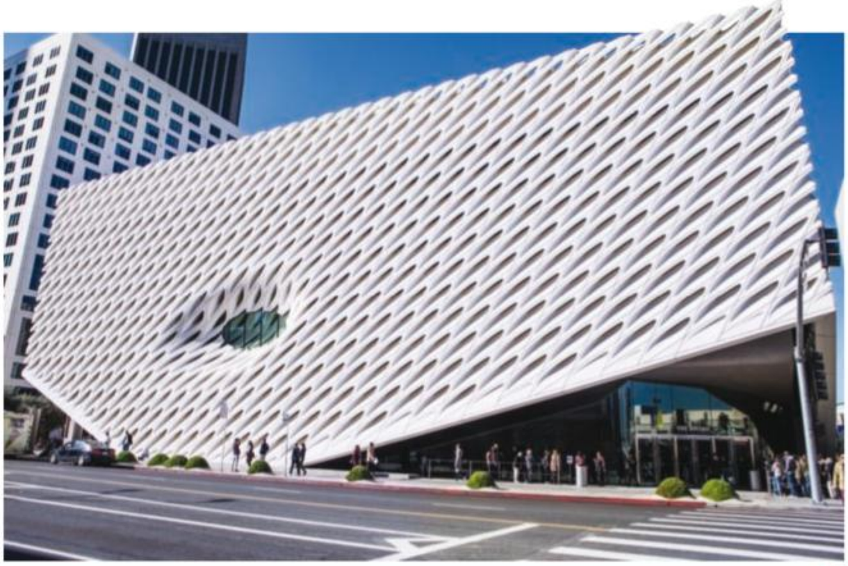
LEMONADE STANDS
Kids get a taste of commerce; you get a taste of summer.

LUKE BRYAN'S DANCE MOVES
Wrong. But right.

THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER
Holy Hogwarts! With outposts in Florida and California, the amusement parks really are magical. Bring on the Butterbeer.

BANANA SPLITS
Did you know that they were invented in America (in the early 1900s)? You're welcome, world.

THE BROAD MUSEUM | L.A.'s new modern art mecca—financed by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad—has done the unthinkable: It made museum-going *cool*. Oh, and it's free!



Once a tragedy hits, we will come together as a people. That's a great thing about the spirit of this country." –TARAJI P. HENSON

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Gwen Stefani & Blake Shelton's PDAs
They're sure not shy about sharing their love on social media.

Carrie Underwood's Legs
So strong. So shiny.

Misty Copeland
The barrier-breaking principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre is always en pointe.

Joan Ganz Cooney & Peter Peterson
She's the creator of *Sesame Street*. He's a billionaire businessman and philanthropist. Together, they just may be the country's coolest couple.

Shinola
Their bikes and watches are a striking, stylish way to show support for the company's home base of Detroit.

Simone Biles
And the rest of Team U.S.A. Bring on the Rio Games!

Blake Lively's Maternity Style
How can pregnancy be this chic? It's equal parts impressive and infuriating.

Bruce Springsteen
All together now: Bruuuuuuuce.

Warby Parker
Affordable, adorkable glasses you can try on at home. Total hipster heaven.

Taylor Swift's July 4th Party
The singer's annual BBQ is insane—complete with home-cooked food and #squadgoals selfies. Swift herself has called it "epic."

Sneakers with Everything
Cut-off shorts? Check. Wedding dress? Check. We believe sneakers are always dress-code appropriate.

Lucy the Elephant
There's no better distraction than a roadside attraction—like this six-story pachyderm in Margate City, N.J.

Flamingo Rafts
This year's version of the inflatable swan. Amy Schumer is a fan.

Las Vegas Residences
Jackpot: J.Lo, Britney, Mariah, Céline—the divas have all set up shop on the Strip.

Totchos
Tater tots made into nachos. Mind blown.

"I love the people. I'm from Russia, but I feel like I am so welcome here." –IRINA SHAYK

"My freedom." –TRACY ELLIS ROSS

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OPRAH WINFREY

and the power of reinvention

Since leaving her beloved talk show, the 62-year-old mogul coproduced a Tony-winning revival of *The Color Purple* and purchased a stake in Weight Watchers. (She was inspired to drop more than 25 lbs. in the process.) At the premiere of *Greenleaf,* another producing project, she told *People,* "I take from a line in *Beloved,* written by Toni Morrison, where the character Sethe said freedom is waking up in the morning and deciding for yourself 'what to do with the day.' So what I love most about America is our ability, each of us, to wake up in the morning and make a new decision."

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JOE'S KANSAS CITY BAR-B-QUE
Kansas City, Kans.
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FRANKLIN BARBECUE | Austin, Texas
'Cue lovers line up superearly for a chance to taste pitmaster Aaron Franklin's buttery, slow-smoked brisket before it sells out—which is usually around 3 p.m.

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BIG BOB GIBSON BAR-B-Q
Decatur, Ala.
Try their famous white sauce, which dates back to the 1920s.

"When I did the White House Correspondents' Dinner, I got to say things to the President that in most countries, I'd never be able to." —JOEL McHALE

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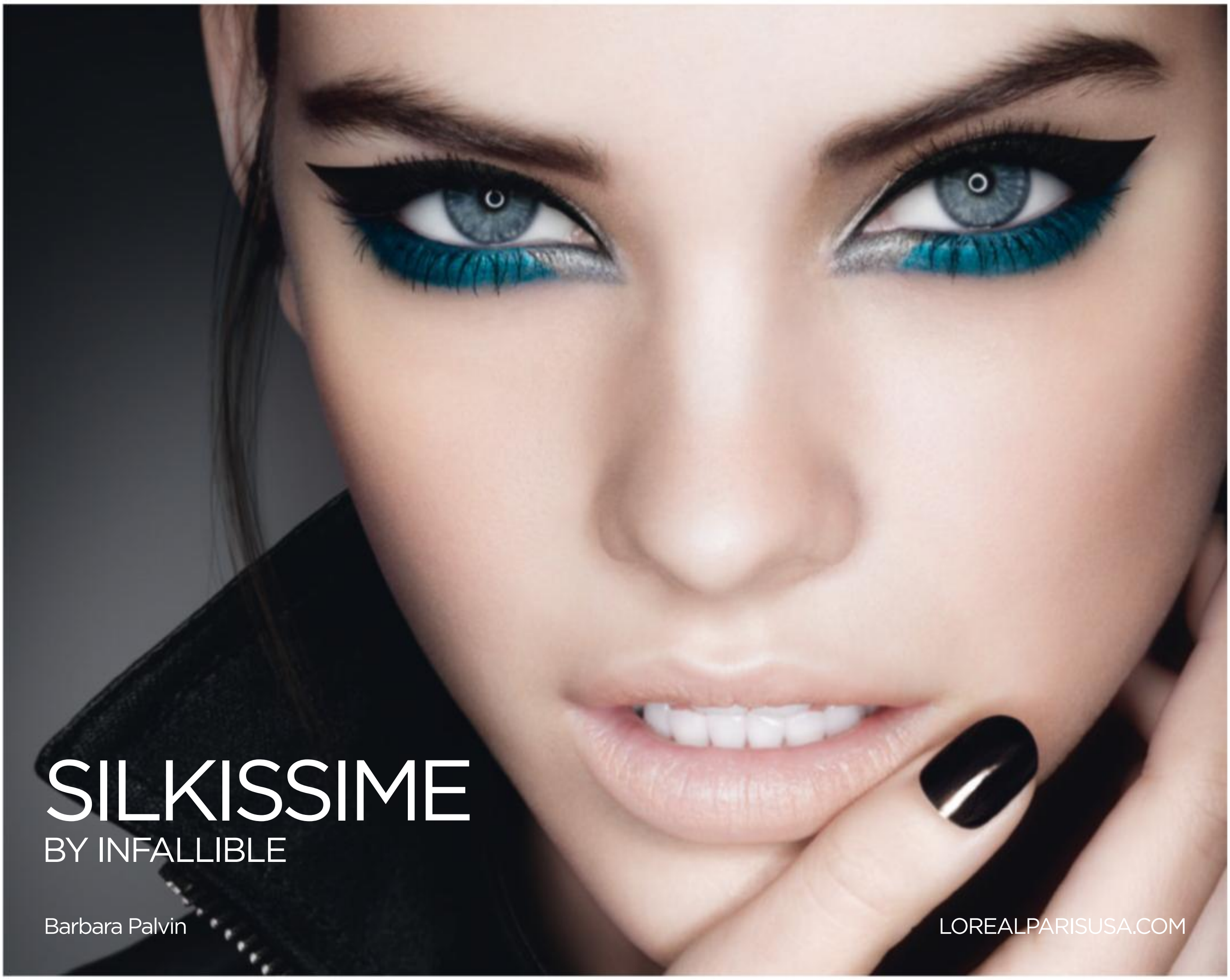
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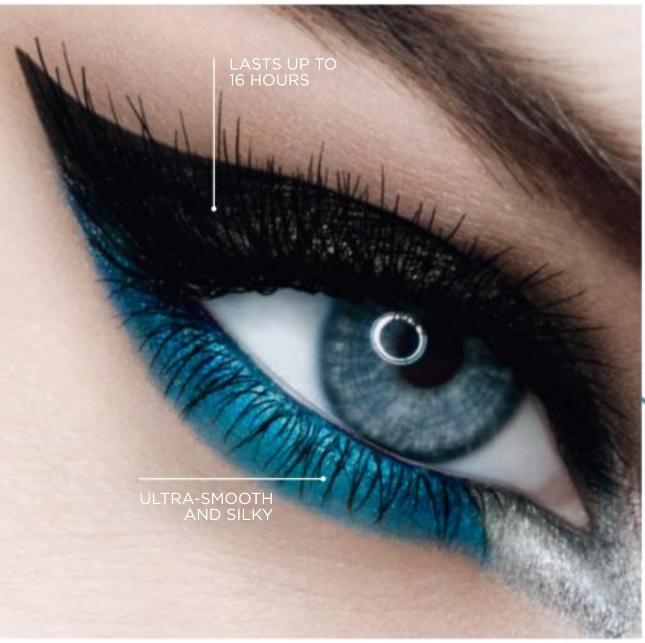
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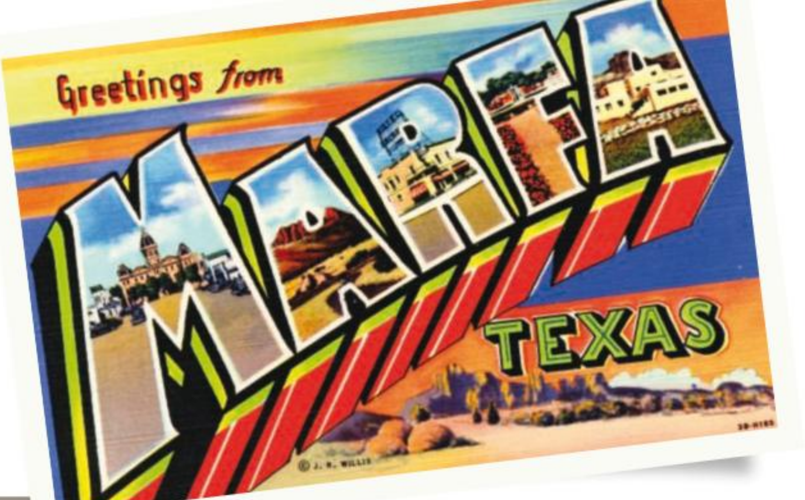
BROAD CITY

and the power of friendship

Real-life besties Ilana Glazer, 29, and Abbi Jacobson, 32, combined their comedic genius to turn the *Broad City* YouTube series into one of Comedy Central's biggest hits. So who's the funniest American alive? "Donald Trump," says Jacobson. "Or Julia Louis-Dreyfus," adds Glazer. "We love *Veep*!"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THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES
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GRAND OLE OPRY
The birthplace of country is still making history.

▼ **ANDERSON COOPER**
The CNN host has an uncanny ability to channel the nation's mood. And after the Orlando massacre, he gave voice to both our anguish and our outrage.

THE RETURN OF BRIDGET JONES
Hey, she's played by an American, Renée Zellweger, back this fall in *Bridget Jones's Baby*.

FARMER'S MARKETS
Providing city slickers with deliciously fresh produce—and the chance to know where your food *really* comes from.

MALL OF AMERICA
The Bloomington, Minn., megaplex boasts 500-plus stores, so you really can shop till you drop.

SWEET TEA
The glorious alchemy of black tea and sugar. Worth the toothache.

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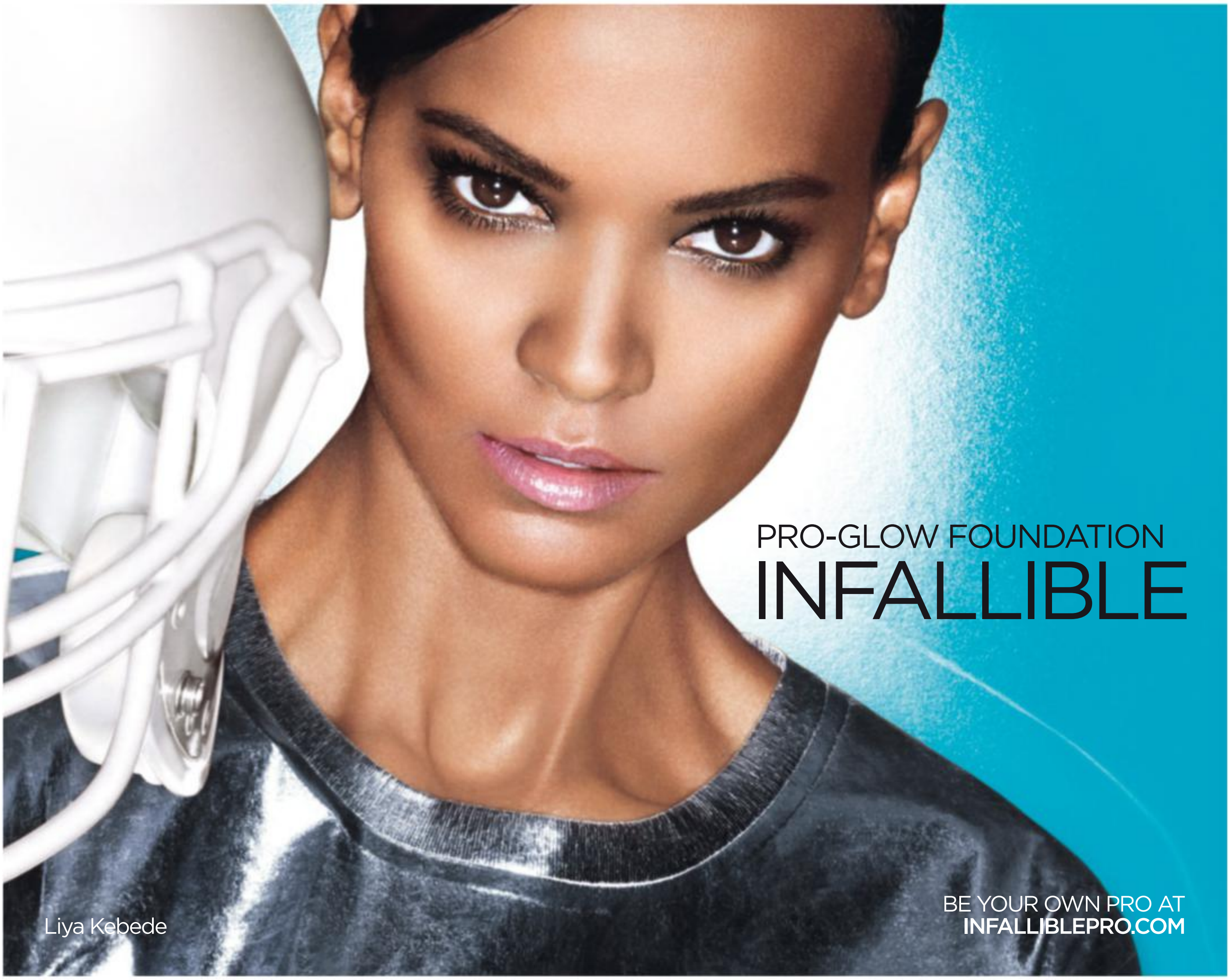
"I love the diversity of America." –ASHLEY GRAHAM

"They give you second chances." –NAOMI CAMPBELL

"Optimism." –MICHAEL KORS



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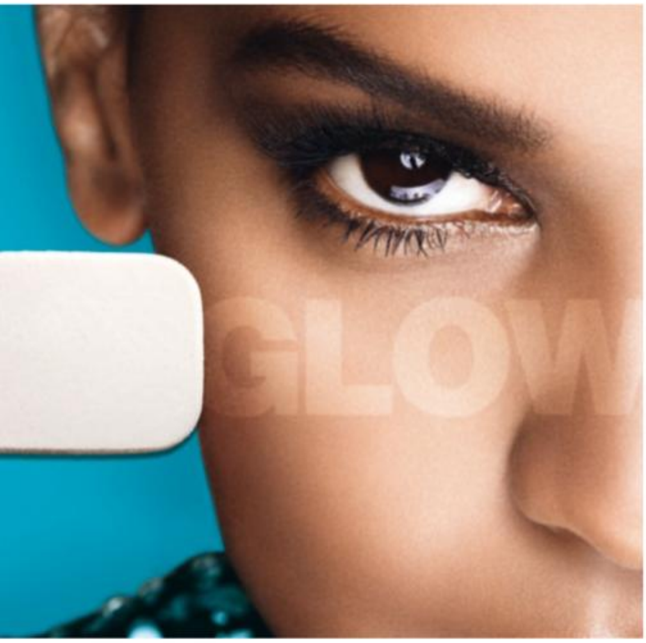

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JESSICA ALBA

and the entrepreneurial spirit

She cofounded the Honest Company in 2011, and now her 4-year-old daughter Haven "thinks her mom invented hand sanitizer," says Alba with a laugh. With more than 500 employees, "you just want to make sure everyone has focus," adds the actress, 35. "I'm part of corporate America in the best sense."

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CHRISSY TEIGEN'S TWITTER
Outsize personality in 140 characters. Always good for a laugh. Or a recipe. Or both.

RIDES ON DEMAND
They have their critics, but services like Uber and Lyft have revolutionized the way we get around.

AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR
The contestants always lose, but it's still triumphant television.

THE HIGH LINE | New York City's stunning elevated park—built along a 22-block section of reclaimed railroad tracks—sets a new standard for urban green spaces.

THE STYLISH DOGS OF INSTAGRAM
Meet the canine queens of social media: Toast (top) and Marnie. Both have tongues that won't quit. And, more to the point, both have celeb fans, fabulous wardrobes and way more followers than you. Only in America.

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'CAN'T STOP THE FEELING'
Go ahead, just *try* not to dance when Justin Timberlake's ludicrously catchy summer jam comes on. . . .

PORCH SWINGS
Beloved by daydreamers everywhere.

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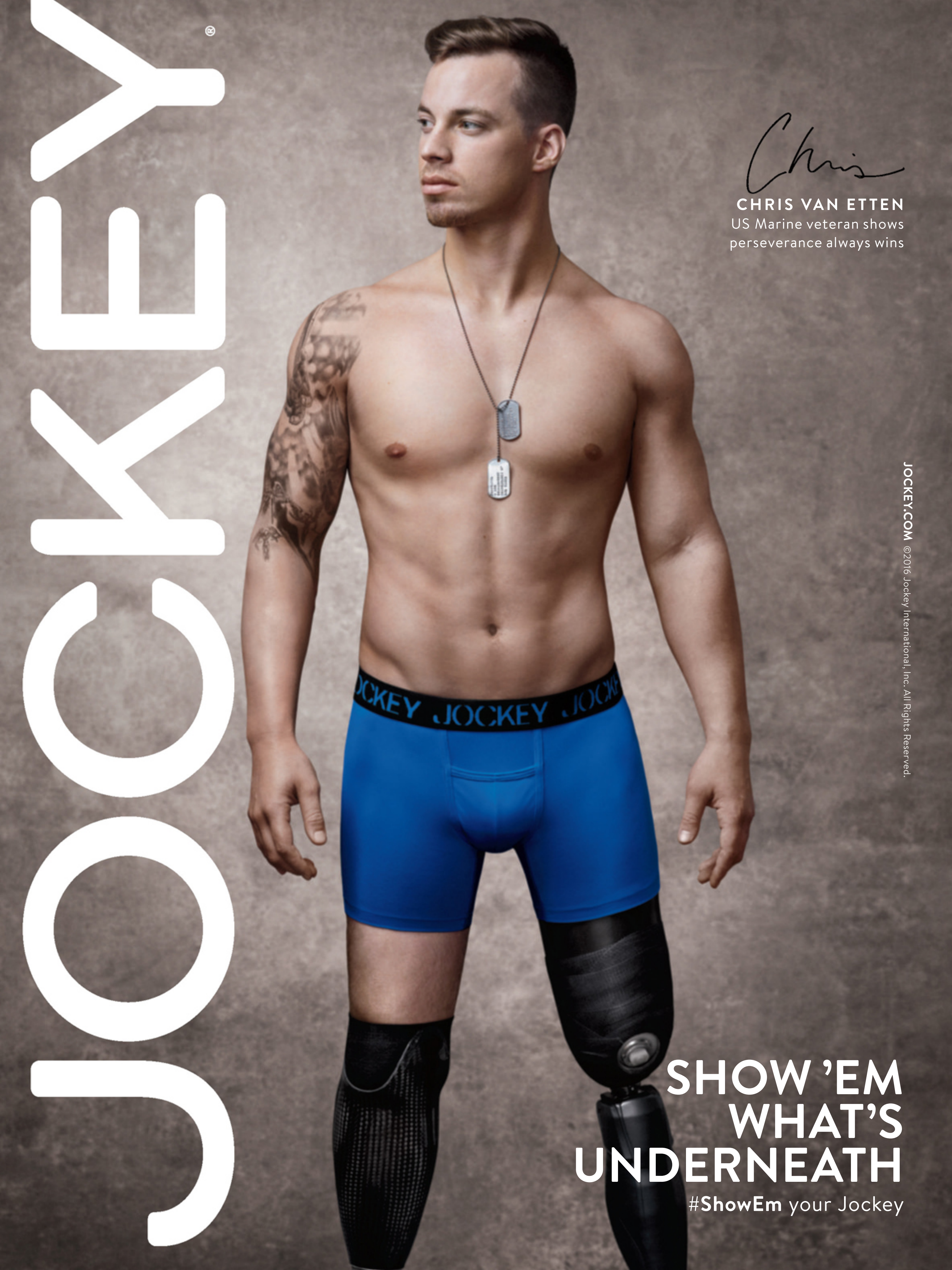
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SNOW LEOPARD CUBS AT CHICAGO'S BROOKFIELD ZOO

The *other* Chicago cubs. One-year-old sisters Malaya and Daania—a playful pair of endangered snow leopards—are well worth the cost of admission.

DREW BARRYMORE'S FLOWER BEAUTY
A celeb makeup line that's made in the U.S.A. and sold at Walmart? That's Flower power.

KENNY CHESNEY'S STADIUM SHOWS
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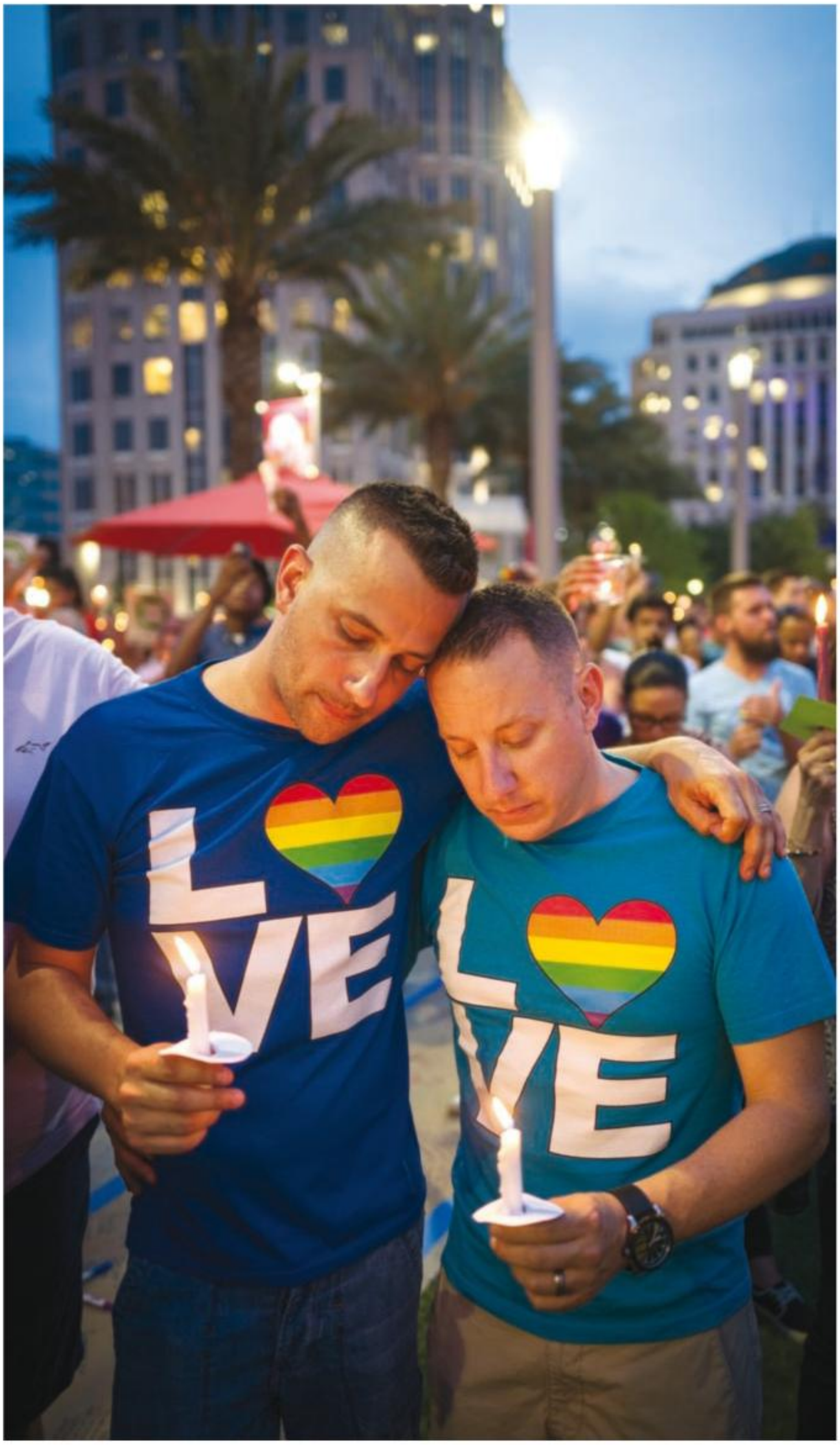

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In the wake of the country's worst mass shooting—the deaths of 49 people at Pulse nightclub in Orlando on June 12—the city united, blood banks filled with donors, and the nation rallied to support the hard-hit LGBTQ community. "Our hearts are broken too," said President Barack Obama. "But we stand with you and . . . we are here for you."

"I love that we are a multicultural country—I am exposed to so many different cultures and people." –AMANDLA STENBERG

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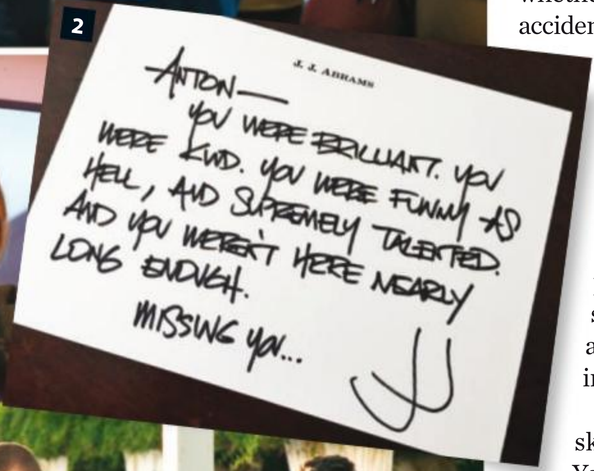
A Young Star's Shocking Death

HOLLYWOOD MOURNS THE LOSS OF THE SWEET, TALENTED *STAR TREK* ACTOR AFTER A FREAK ACCIDENT

Two weeks ago Anton Yelchin was wrapping his latest indie film, *Thoroughbred,* outside Boston. As the cast and crew gathered to celebrate, the 27-year-old actor, best known as eager young engineer Chekov in the rebooted *Star Trek* franchise, volunteered to drive people home afterward "to be sure they got back safely," recalls director Cory Finley. "It was the kind of little selfless moment that endeared him so much to me and to everyone."

Sadly, the rising star's life was cut short by a tragic accident. On June 19 his body was found pinned between his car and a security fence and the mailbox pillar at his home in L.A. after the vehicle rolled backward down the steep driveway. The L.A. county medical examiner's office reportedly ruled the



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A LIFE TOO SHORT
1. Yelchin joined *Star Trek* in 2009 (from left, with Chris Pine, Simon Pegg, Karl Urban, John Cho and Zoë Saldana). **2.** *Trek* producer J.J. Abrams posted a tribute. **3.** With Felicity Jones in 2011's *Like Crazy*. **4.** With Justin Timberlake in 2007's *Alpha Dog*. **5.** On *Huff* in 2004. **6.** With parents Irina and Viktor in 2007.

> **'He had so much energy** and was deep and interesting. I'd never met anybody like him'
>
> —*LIKE CRAZY* DIRECTOR DRAKE DOREMUS

death accidental and the result of "blunt traumatic asphyxia." The car, a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, had been recalled in April for a gearshift design that made it difficult for drivers to distinguish between park and neutral, but it was unclear whether that played a role in the freak accident. "We are looking into that," an LAPD spokesperson says. "The investigation is still ongoing."

Hollywood reacted with shock and grief. *Star Trek*'s Zachary Quinto described Yelchin as "one of the most open and intellectually curious people I have ever had the pleasure to know," in a post. "All love and strength to his family at this impossible time of grief."

The only child of Russian ice skaters Irina Korina and Viktor Yelchin, Anton emigrated with his family to the U.S. when he was 6 months old. Opting for acting classes over skating, Yelchin made his TV debut at age 10 on *E.R.* and as a teen costarred on Showtime's *Huff* and in acclaimed indies. "I try to keep a pretty positive outlook on life," he told *People* in 2007 as he looked forward to the "crazy adventure" his career would bring. He started a punk band and broke into franchise films with *Star Trek* and 2009's *Terminator Salvation*. "He had so many experiences in life that led him to where he was," says his *Like Crazy* director Drake Doremus. "He was such an old soul."

Yelchin was about to promote *Star Trek Beyond*, which opens July 22. Instead he'll be honored by his costars—and remembered for his appreciation of life. "This world is always crazy. It's always hard to deal with. It's always interesting," he told *People*. "There's so much crazy s--- going on, but at the same time, there are moments of such rare beauty."

By **Julie Jordan** with **Charlene Adams, Mary Green** and **Mike Miller**

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TAYLOR SWIFT & TOM HIDDLESTON

Inside Their Surprising Romance!

THE SINGER AND THE *AVENGERS* STAR CAUSE A COMMOTION AFTER STEPPING OUT FOR A COZY DATE WEEKS AFTER HER SPLIT FROM CALVIN HARRIS

GETTING COZY Swift stays warm in Hiddleston's jacket June 13 as they stroll on the Rhode Island beach.

With their arms wrapped around each other as they shared kisses, snapped selfies and frolicked on the beach June 13 near her Rhode Island home, Taylor Swift and Tom Hiddleston looked more like besotted young lovers from a Nicholas Sparks movie than two major stars on the verge of making headlines with their surprising new romance. "Stop all the clocks! Tom Hiddleston and Taylor Swift! What even!?" tweeted one shocked fan after photos of the budding couple, quickly dubbed #HiddleSwift on social media, were revealed to the Internet a day later.

Also surprised by the pairing? Calvin Harris, the Scottish deejay and producer whom Swift amicably split from just weeks ago. "He did not know Taylor and Tom were together," a source says of

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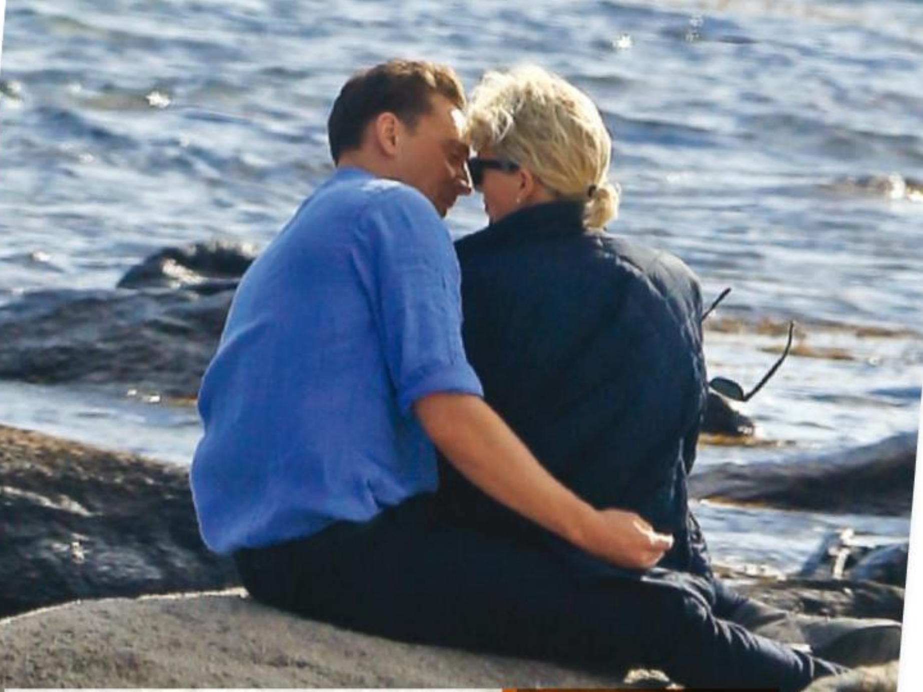

UNEXPECTED PAIR
Six weeks after shaking and shimmying at the Met Gala together (top left), Swift and Hiddleston (left, in a scene with *Avengers* costar Chris Hemsworth and in a sexy shoot for *W Magazine*) were photographed kissing on the beach and later spotted boarding her private jet (not pictured). "He's tried to stay lower-profile in his dating life," a friend says of Hiddleston, who was previously linked to Elizabeth Olsen.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: THE IMAGE DIRECT; MONA KUHN FOR W MAGAZINE; BROADIMAGE/REX SHUTTERSTOCK; ZADE ROSENTHAL/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Harris, 32, who quickly deleted all traces of his 15-month-long relationship with his ex, 26, from his social media accounts—including a tweet in which he said he still had a "huge amount of love and respect" for Swift—the day the news broke; Swift similarly scrubbed her accounts. (Another insider adds there was no overlap between the relationships.)

In May, Swift and Hiddleston's chemistry first made waves when their friendly dance-off at the Met Gala to T.I.'s "Bring 'Em Out" was captured on video. "Tom's a very smart, attractive guy with a fun personality," says a pal of the actor's. And while "dating the most famous singer in the world feels slightly out of character" for the Brit, the duo have more in common than meets the eye. "He can't meet new people without them having preconceived ideas of him, and I'm sure Taylor feels the same way," says the friend. After Swift split from Harris, a source close to the singer said she "is an independent young woman" who "realizes it will take a very secure man to handle her success." Coincidentally, Hiddleston, 35, told Ireland's TV3 last fall that "strong women" like his mother and sisters are exactly his type. Hiddleston, who has his own loyal legion of fans and quotes Shakespeare with ease, appears to have won over Swift with his wit and classic charm. Says his pal: "When he has the full force of his attention on you, it is very flattering."

> **'Tom is a posh British gentleman.** He's generous with his time and attention'
> —HIDDLESTON FRIEND

By Melody Chiu with additional reporting by **Kara Warner**

"Calvin has moved on," a friend says of Harris (spotted leaving the gym on June 17).

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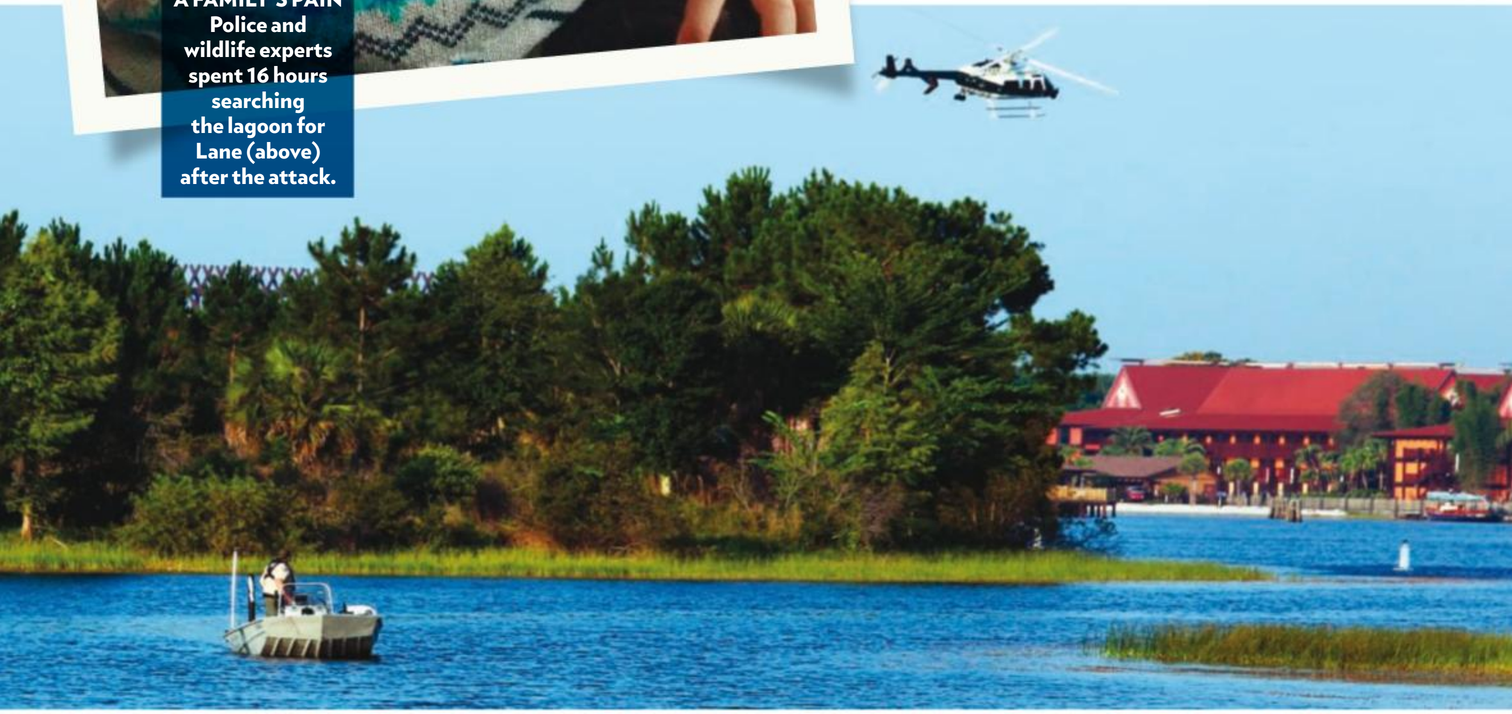
FAMILY VACATION TRAGEDY

Shock and heartbreak after an alligator kills 2-year-old Lane Graves at a Walt Disney World hotel

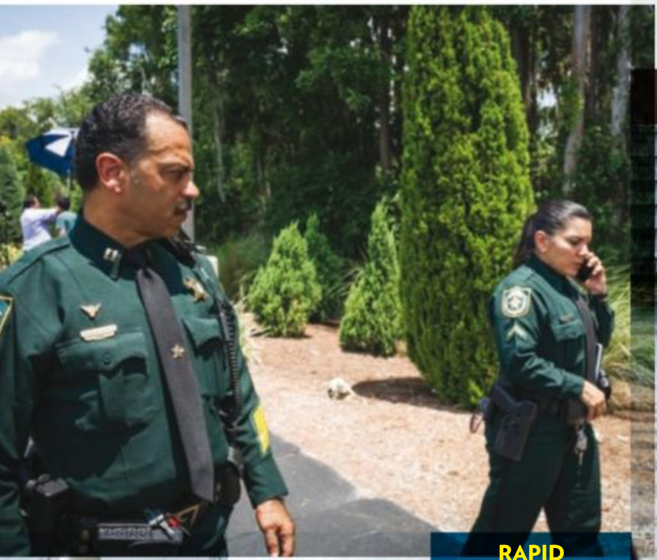


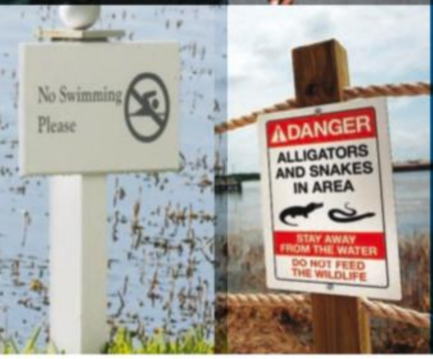
A FAMILY'S PAIN Police and wildlife experts spent 16 hours searching the lagoon for Lane (above) after the attack.

FROM TOP: ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; RED HUBER/ORLANDO SENTINEL/ZUMA

On the evening of June 14, Matt and Melissa Graves were among several families spread out on the beach at Walt Disney World's luxurious Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Orlando. Some kids were roasting marshmallows over a campfire, while others ran back and forth across the sand between the resort's manmade Seven Seas Lagoon and the adjacent pool as they waited for the start of a free showing of *Zootopia* on the beach—part of the hotel's Movie Under the Stars night. "It was a very quiet family atmosphere," says Jennifer Venditti Roye, 41, who was there with her 3-year-old son Channing. "It's a very small area. You could actually sit in one of the beach chairs and watch your child, and that's what a lot of people were doing."

Around 9:20 p.m. that quiet family evening turned into an unimaginable nightmare. An alligator suddenly rose from the murky lagoon and snatched 2-year-old Lane Graves, who was playing in the shallow water less than a foot from the shore. His father, Matthew, 42, raced into the water and tried in vain to wrestle his little boy from

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RAPID RESPONSE Sheriff's deputies (above) were on the scene within 10 minutes of the 911 call. By Friday, Disney had changed its "No Swimming" signs (far left) to specific warnings about alligators.

the predator's powerful jaws, while Lane's mother, Melissa, 38, standing with daughter Ella, 4, screamed for help. But before a nearby lifeguard could even get to them, "the gator swam away with the child," Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jeff Williamson told reporters. "It is tragic; it is heartbreaking."

Lane's body was found in the lagoon the next day following a 16-hour search. An autopsy later determined the toddler had died from drowning and trauma. "Words cannot describe the shock and grief our family is experiencing over the loss of our son," the Graveses said in a statement. "We are devastated."

But even as the family headed back home to Elkhorn, Neb., to bury their son, the tragedy—the first fatal alligator attack in Walt Disney World's 44-year history—left resort visitors past and present badly shaken and raised questions about the safety of waterfront areas throughout WDW's roughly 25,000-acre property. "It could have been my son," says Roye, a stay-at-home mom of three whose son Channing had been splashing around just an hour earlier in the exact spot where Lane was attacked. "Never did it cross my mind there would be alligators in that area."

Disney quickly closed the beaches but soon came under criticism for not having signs warning guests about the possibility of alligators—a common sight in Florida. (See box.) Park visitors reported having seen alligators at other locations around WDW, including even the popular Splash Mountain ride in the Magic Kingdom. By Friday, Disney was installing temporary barriers between the beach and lagoon—along with new warning signs—and evaluating what other changes they need to make while their beaches remain closed indefinitely. "We're working on permanent, long-term solutions," Jacquee Wahler, vice-president of Walt Disney World, said in a statement. "We continue to evaluate processes and procedures for our entire property."

State wildlife officials defended the company's record, saying the resort has an "open permit" to get rid of "nuisance" alligators (those 4 ft. or longer) and "routinely" removes them from its properties, about a third of which is actually a wildlife conservation area. "Disney has been pro-active," said Nick Wiley, executive director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "This is a tragedy. It's terrible. But it's a rare occurrence."

> **'Melissa and I are overwhelmed** with the love and support we have received'
> —MATT GRAVES, LANE'S FATHER

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GATORS BY THE NUMBERS

While an estimated 1.3 million alligators live in Florida, attacks are rare. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has documented 383 unprovoked gator attacks on humans, 23 of which were fatal, since 1948. Lane Graves's death brings that total to 24. The likelihood of being seriously injured during an unprovoked alligator incident in Florida is roughly only 1 in 2.4 million, according to the commission.

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TAINTED WATER BATTLE

Erin Brockovich's Latest Crusade

THE CELEBRATED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST IS BACK ON THE FRONT LINES, FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER ACROSS THE NATION *By* **JOHNNY DODD**

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"Water is the one commodity we all need to survive," says Brockovich (at home near L.A.). "There's nothing more valuable."

On a recent morning, Erin Brockovich is sipping a cup of coffee in the living room of her L.A.-area home when her rhinestone-encased cellphone jingles to life. She has no idea who could be calling, but she's got a pretty good hunch why. "Lately," she says staring down at her phone, "they almost always start out by saying, 'I don't mean to bother you, but can I send you a picture of what just came out of my faucet? I know it's not safe to drink, but can you tell me what's going on?'"

It's been 16 years since the film about Brockovich, played by Julia Roberts, turned the scrappy, no-nonsense legal assistant into a celebrated environmental activist and folk hero. But since news of the Flint, Mich., water crisis broke in 2014, she has found herself back in the spotlight, flooded with e-mails and phone calls from people around the nation. "Nine times out of 10,"

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHT Brockovich (upper left) at a January town meeting in Bennington, Vt., and (above) in Washington, D.C., in 2014. Roberts (left) in the 2000 biopic.

she says, "it's a mom who is fearful"—concerned that their tap water has been contaminated and asking for her help.

"Flint was an outrage, and it woke everyone up," says Brockovich, 56, who now crisscrosses the country, connecting "scared, outraged" residents with scientists and attorneys. "Polluted water has become a national crisis. It's happening in every state, and we risk becoming a Third World nation unless we do something about it."

Brockovich first garnered national attention in the mid-1990s after the single mom of three almost single-handedly built a case against the multibillion-dollar power company responsible for polluting the groundwater in Hinkley, Calif., with hexavalent chromium. The case resulted in the utility's being ordered to pay $333 million to affected families, the largest lawsuit judgment in U.S. history. In recent months, she's begun working with communities around the nation whose lives have been turned upside down after lead and other toxic chemicals were discovered in local water supplies.

"We have a handful of towns and cities across the nation where people are being told by the authorities not to drink, bathe or cook with their water," she says. "It boggles the mind that this could be happening in our country. We really are at a fork in the road."

For more on Erin's story,
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Brockovich, who now consults with the law firm Weitz & Luxenberg, tries to make sure residents in affected areas know what their options are. "Communities tend to trust me when I come in," she explains. "They know I'm not going to bull---- them. I can't tell them what to do, but I can provide them with information."

Which is exactly what she did in January when residents in Flint reached out. "Information is the most important tool we have," says Melissa Mays, who now suffers constant seizures due to the town's water. "She was the first to help us." And earlier this year Brockovich traveled to Hoosick Falls, N.Y., where the industrial chemical PFOA, linked with a variety of health issues including kidney and testicular cancers, had been discovered in the town's drinking water in November. Locals have resorted to drinking bottled water and worrying about what the long-term health impact could be to their children. "There's so much anger and fear," says resident Michele Baker. "But Erin has been our champion and provided us with hope and an avenue for the truth."

For her part, Brockovich just wants to see the problems fixed. "Water is supposed to sustain us and make us healthy," she says, as her cell phone once again begins buzzing. "Not make us sick." ●

'We really are at a fork in the road. This is our national OMG moment'
—ERIN BROCKOVICH

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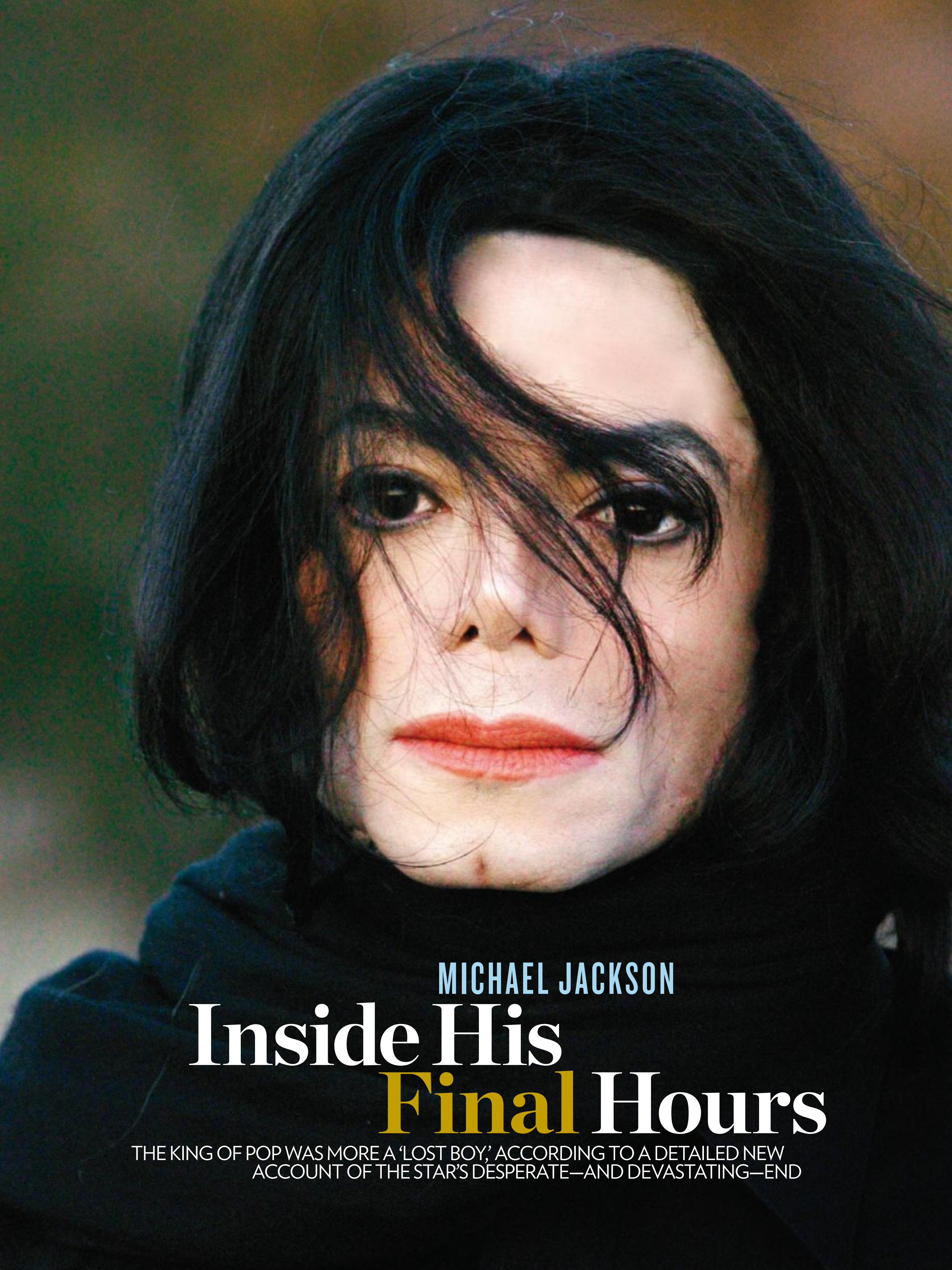

MICHAEL JACKSON

Inside His Final Hours

THE KING OF POP WAS MORE A 'LOST BOY,' ACCORDING TO A DETAILED NEW ACCOUNT OF THE STAR'S DESPERATE—AND DEVASTATING—END

The summer of 2009—with his splashy This Is It concert series already selling out—was supposed to be Michael Jackson's big comeback. Years of bizarre behavior, plastic surgeries and pedophilia accusations (despite a not-guilty verdict in his 2005 child-molestation trial) had drowned out the music and left the '80s pop phenom a fallen star, but he still had high hopes. "He was one of the greatest entertainers of all time," says Matt Richards, coauthor, with Mark Langthorne, of the new book *83 Minutes*, excerpted below. Yet Jackson "was in no state to perform the This Is It tour," Richards says. "The entourage of 'yes' people created an arena of unreality [around him]." Chief among them—providing the drugs the star's addictions demanded—was Jackson's personal physician Conrad Murray, who was convicted in 2011 of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's June 25, 2009, death. Weaving together news reports and details from previously unpublished court records, *83 Minutes*—the title refers to the murky time lapse between the moment Murray apparently discovered Jackson unconscious in his bed and the time he arrived at the hospital ER—tells the inside story of Jackson's final hours and how his reach for a comeback killed him. Says Richards: "This story was only going to end one way."

Michael Jackson and Dr. Conrad Murray, both deep in debt, were desperate for the financial lifeline of the Jackson comeback concerts, set to begin in London on July 8, 2009. Jackson had hired Murray to be his personal physician—for $150,000 a month—and give him the Propofol shots Jackson felt he needed to sleep. The star was in rough shape, showing up for rehearsals only erratically. The show's director Kenny Ortega expressed his concerns in a June 20 e-mail to Randy Phillips of AEG Live, the company financing the tour.

"Jackson appeared quite weak and fatigued this evening. He had a terrible case of chills, was trembling, rambling, and obsessing. . . . I was feeding him, wrapping him in blankets to warm his chills, massaging his feet to calm him and calling his doctor. . . . It would shatter him if we pulled the plug [on these concerts]. He's terribly frightened it's all going to go away. He asked me repeatedly tonight if I was going to leave him. . . . It broke my heart. He was like a lost boy."

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At home Jackson's son Prince was witnessing the strain.

Prince recalled in later courtroom testimony seeing his father in tears after talks with Randy Phillips just days before he died: "After he got off the phone, he would cry. He'd say, 'They're going to kill me.'"

At rehearsal on June 24, Jackson managed to pull it together and surprised everyone with a successful performance. He headed home around 12:30 a.m. on June 25. Dr. Murray was waiting for him.

The room that Murray always inhabited was considered the "medication room." This room, despite having gold-leaf mirrors and upholstered French period chairs, resembled the squalid life-

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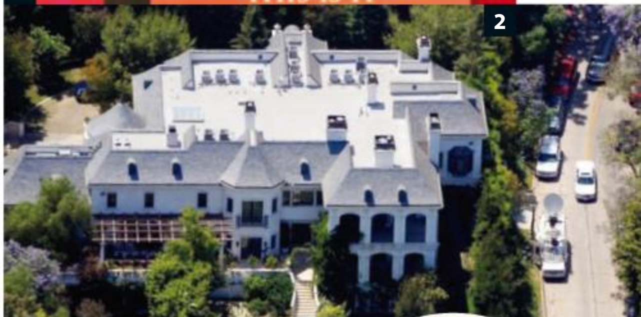

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SCENE OF THE CRIME
1. Jackson at the March 2009 announcement of his This Is It concert dates. **2.** The rented L.A. mansion where Jackson died as his kids played downstairs. **3.** Dr. Murray, as the jury's guilty verdict was read on Nov. 7, 2011. **4.** At UCLA Medical Center June 25, 2009.

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MOURNING MICHAEL
1. The star's children (from left) Blanket, Paris and Prince at the July 7 memorial.
2. Jackson's parents, Katherine and Joe, at their son's September funeral service.
3. Jackson's brothers were pallbearers.

style of a drug addict. Tables were strewn with vials of drugs, syringes and tubes. Eleven oxygen tanks stood upright next to an electric fan. Opened cans of Sprite lay scattered on the floor.

Next door was the Master Bedroom that Jackson regarded as his inner sanctum. Even the cleaners weren't allowed entry. Murray later described how Jackson would spend long periods there spraying himself with Cologne, perhaps to obscure the smell from this unclean room. There was a mirror upon which he had written: "TRAIN, perfection, March, April. FULL OUT May."

On this particular night, Jackson put on his pajamas, desperate to get to sleep. The fact that he was drinking Red Bull, that his bedroom was fully lit and that he insisted on playing loud music might have been a factor in him not being able to drift off easily, but, according to Murray, Jackson was adamant he needed these distractions to sleep.

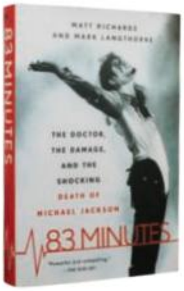
Murray later told police that after having given Jackson Propofol for 60 consecutive nights, he had been trying to wean the star off. Over the next nine hours, he gave Jackson Valium and the powerful sedatives Lorazepam and Midazolam—by pill or through an IV drip in the singer's leg—all to no effect as the "wide-awake" singer grew increasingly anxious.

It was at 10 a.m., as testified by Murray, that Michael Jackson said to him, "Please, please give me some milk so that I can sleep."

"Milk" was Michael Jackson's name for Propofol. Murray was aware that if he didn't get Jackson to rehearsals there would be no show, and if there was no show, Murray wouldn't get paid. "I can't function if I don't sleep," Jackson told the doctor.

So, at 10:40 a.m., Murray pushed 25 mg of Propofol slowly into the singer. By 11 a.m., according to Murray, Jackson had fallen asleep.

'It's surprising that people thought the This Is It tour was ever going to happen'
—AUTHOR MATT RICHARDS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Murray told police he stayed and monitored Jackson's oxygen levels and heart rate. Propofol, especially when combined with so many sedatives, could have stopped his heart and caused his body to "forget" to breathe. After "a long enough period that I felt comfortable," Murray said, he left to use the bathroom.

Murray claimed that he returned a few minutes later to find the singer not breathing and frantically began trying to revive him. But phone records presented in court revealed he was on the phone to various contacts and a girlfriend between 11:07 and 11:51. Whatever the truth about the timing, he chose to attempt resuscitation instead of calling 911.

"To speak to a 911 operator would be to neglect him," Murray told the LAPD.

At 12:05 p.m., Jackson's chef Kai Chase, working in the kitchen, saw Murray running down the stairs in a panic. Murray screamed out to her to get help urgently and call for security.

Murray then called Jackson's personal assistant at home, and the assistant called Alberto Alvarez in

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his security trailer outside Jackson's home.

What Alvarez saw as he entered the bedroom left him "frozen." Michael Jackson was lying on the bed with his mouth open. His hands were down by his sides, his eyes were half-open.

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Murray asked Alvarez to help him perform CPR.

Murray later tells police that he immediately told Alvarez "Call 911." But Alvarez testified Murray had other priorities. Alvarez recalled that [soon after he arrived] Murray froze and was simply surveying the situation within the room. Then, he grabbed a handful of vials from a nightstand and ordered Alvarez to put them in a bag [and] put [it all] into the closet. At 12:21 p.m. the call to 911 was finally made.

After Alvarez spoke with the 911 dispatcher, he helped Murray move Jackson to the floor, where more effective CPR could be done. The tragic scenario was suddenly made worse when Paris and Prince walked into the room. Prince was standing at the doorway, gently weeping with a look of shock on his face. Paris crumpled to her knees, screaming "Daddy" and beginning to cry hysterically. Murray shouted out, "Don't let them see their dad like this."

The ambulance arrived at 12:26 p.m. Paramedic Richard Senneff later testified, "The patient, he appeared to me to be pale and underweight. I was thinking along the lines of, this is a hospice patient."

When questioned, Murray told the paramedics he had given Jackson "a little bit of Lorazepam to help him sleep" and that he had stopped breathing recently, "right when I called you." But Senneff later testified that Jackson's "legs were quite cool to the touch. . . . Time has elapsed."

> **'Throughout his life, and what a life it was, Jackson never grew up'**
> —*83 MINUTES*

When the paramedics couldn't revive him, their supervisors at UCLA advised them to pronounce Jackson dead, but Murray insisted they take him to the hospital.

At 1:07 p.m., the paramedics started taking Jackson out of the room. Murray told them he'd join them in a few moments. As his colleagues secured Jackson in the ambulance, Richard Senneff headed back to Jackson's bedroom to collect their equipment. He was met with a startled Murray who was standing next to the nightstand, holding a plastic trash bag, and picking things up and placing them in the bag. After collecting his equipment, Senneff went back to the ambulance. They waited briefly for Murray to join them before making the short trip to the hospital. Nobody asked what Murray had been clearing up in the room. ●

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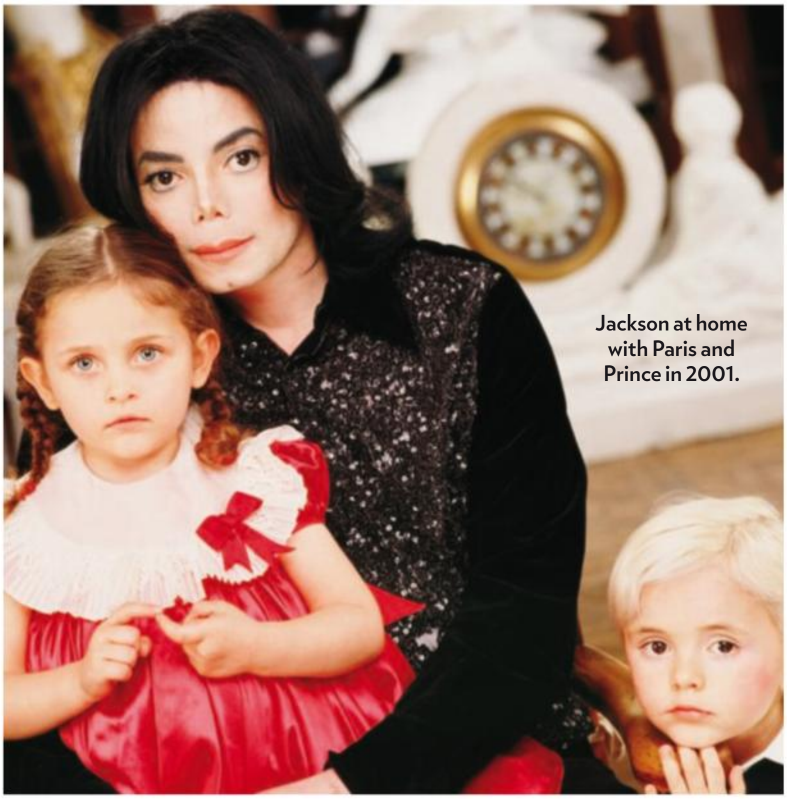

Jackson at home with Paris and Prince in 2001.

THE KIDS CARRY ON

They've grown up, but in the seven years since they lost their father, Prince, Paris and Blanket Jackson remain close to his memory in their own ways. Prince, 19, started an L.A. production company named King's Son and is working on its first music video while studying at Loyola Marymount University, says a family source. "Prince is always coming home to visit his grandmother and remains close to his siblings." Paris, 18, recently had the image of her father's face from his *Dangerous* album tattooed on her arm, and while she's not in school, "she tells family she would like to work with the poor and sick," the source says. She and Blanket, 14, who attends L.A.'s private Buckley School and is involved in martial arts, live with their grandmother. —Mia McNiece

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GETTING OLDER
Blanket, Paris and Prince in 2012, Paris (above) on Instagram this spring and Prince with his aunt La Toya at his high school graduation last year.

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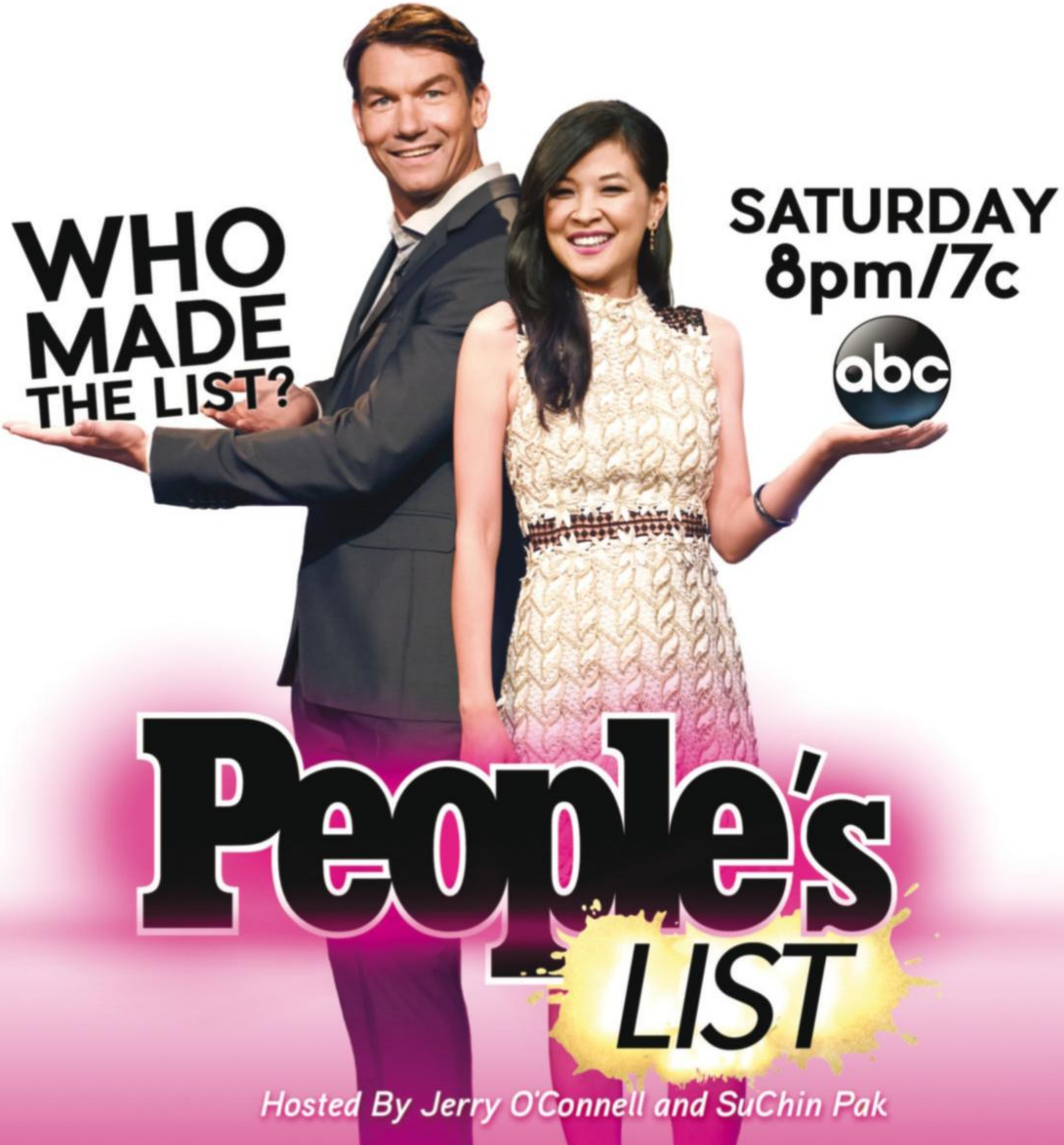

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GOOD MORNING AMERICA'S **GINGER ZEE**

Learning to Love Myself

ONCE SHE BATTLED ANOREXIA. NOW *GMA'S* RISK TAKER EMBRACES A BETTER BODY IMAGE—AND BEING A NEW MOM

By **PATRICK GOMEZ**

DARING TO DANCE
"Physically I was okay," Zee (in N.Y.C. June 6 and, inset, on *GMA*) says of *DWTS* rehearsals. "Emotionally I ran the gamut."

Photographs by ALLISON MICHAEL ORENSTEIN

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When Ginger Zee stepped off the ballroom floor after the *Dancing with the Stars* finale in May, she couldn't wait to see how her third-place finish had impacted her body. "I hadn't weighed myself all season, but I knew my clothes fit better. I thought I'd be 20 lbs. lighter," says the *Good Morning America* meteorologist, 35, who welcomed son Adrian Benjamin with husband Ben Aaron in December. "But I only weighed 2 lbs. less. That was it! I was actually happy though. It made me feel better that all those years when I thought, 'If I just work out more, I'll lose weight,' I was wrong. Apparently I'm just supposed to be 138 lbs., and that's good." Having battled anorexia as a young teen, she may once have been sent reeling by the lack of change on the scale, but 5'7" Zee says she's pleased with her body. And after her successful turn on *DWTS* (during which she also balanced her gigs on ABC's *GMA* and *Nightline*), she's embracing life as a working mom. "Having a baby and then going into this challenge was really empowering," she says. "I've found a pride in myself that I'd never had before."

As a young child, Zee struggled with self-confidence. Born Ginger Zuidgeest, she says growing up a "shy" kid in Grand Rapids was "great, in general." But when she was 7, her parents divorced, and she began skipping meals as a way to maintain some control. By the age of 12, she'd developed severe anorexia. "My mom went after it aggressively. I was lucky to have her as an advocate," says Zee, who entered therapy and was taken on a tour of an in-patient treatment center by her mom, Dawn, a neonatal nurse practitioner. "There were girls who were on their way to death," Zee says. "It was shocking. It didn't make me better right away, but I knew I had the support of my family, and the fear factor was there."

"Val had to rebuild my core," Zee (with Chmerkovskiy on *DWTS* May 2) says of rehearsing post C-section.

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Zee says, "The anorexia will always be in my head— you can't scrub that from your memory." But she slowly recovered as she discovered a passionate if unconventional interest: the weather. "I'd always been interested in storms," she says. Zee envisioned a life doing research in the field, but the amateur storm chaser was urged to intern at a TV news station in Birmingham, Ala., after her freshman year at Indiana's Valparaiso University. "It changed my life," says Zee, who was on-air at the NBC affiliate in Chicago by the age of 25 and joined *GMA* in 2011. "The second I got there, my portfolio expanded," Zee says of becoming the go-to adventurer on the morning news program. "They'd have meetings where they'd go, 'Would anyone ever do this?' And I was that girl. 'Sure, I'll jump out of a

'People can say what they want about me . . . but don't talk about my child'

—GINGER ZEE

"Ginger says she's become so much more confident, but I always saw her as that person," says Aaron (at home with Zee and Adrian).

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"The second I got pregnant, everyone said, 'Beware. People are about to tell you all of their advice,'" says Zee.

plane.' 'Sure, I'll go to Vietnam and spelunk in the biggest cave in the world.'" Zee jokes that Aaron, a 34-year-old TV journalist whom she wed in 2014, "wasn't thrilled" about the timing of that latter excursion. "We couldn't tell anyone, but I was nine weeks pregnant," she says.

Her husband's protective paternal instincts were greatly appreciated when she began *DWTS* rehearsals with pro dancer Valentin Chmerkovskiy just two months after giving birth and less than two weeks after being cleared for physical activity following her Cesarean section. "Ben did a lot of the heavy lifting," Zee says of parenting duties as she juggled *GMA* and *Nightline* in New York City and *DWTS* in Los Angeles.

Still, it wasn't easy being away from Adrian as she competed. "There were a couple of breakdowns," Zee says of *DWTS* rehearsals. "It's physically exhausting and kind of an emotional thing. I don't think I understood that until I did it." What was perhaps more surprising was the criticism she received from some online about her parenting choices. "It can get really negative. People wrote me e-mails saying maybe I should have kept breast-feeding. But they don't know that [I'm not]," says Zee, who is currently managing without a nanny but is actively looking for one. "All of us are just trying to do it right, so when someone accuses you of doing wrong, whether it has merit or not, it's going to get to you. Parents just want their baby to be happy and healthy, and we're giving every ounce of ourselves to do that."

Now that *DWTS* has wrapped, Zee's lighter workload is a blessing. "I'm like, 'Aren't I supposed to be doing more? There's no four-hour rehearsal?' But then it's more time with my family," says Zee, who launches her digital-first culinary science series *Food Forecast* on ABC.com in July and hopes to inspire young students through a children's science show in the future. "I am so healthy and happy right now," she says, settling in next to her husband and cooing son on the couch in their Manhattan apartment. "Having a baby was a huge part of it. I've learned to be present and grateful." And that's made her journey to a healthier self-image well worth it. "For the first time," she says with a smile, "I feel 100 percent me." ●

> **'My career was always No. 1,** but now that I have a family, I feel a lot more at peace. It's a good feeling'
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By **CATHERINE KAST**

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With more than 640 diamonds (including over 25 carats of yellow diamonds), this $2.5 million Art Deco-inspired necklace was custom-designed for Winslet's Oscar look.

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AUDREY HEPBURN, 1961
The documentary *Crazy About Tiffany's* (available on demand) details the firm's 179-year history—including Hepburn's classic movie, which romanticized the Fifth Avenue flagship (above).

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2. **JESSICA BIEL, 2013**
This diamond brooch from the 2013 Blue Book Collection was inspired by a piece from the French crown jewels.

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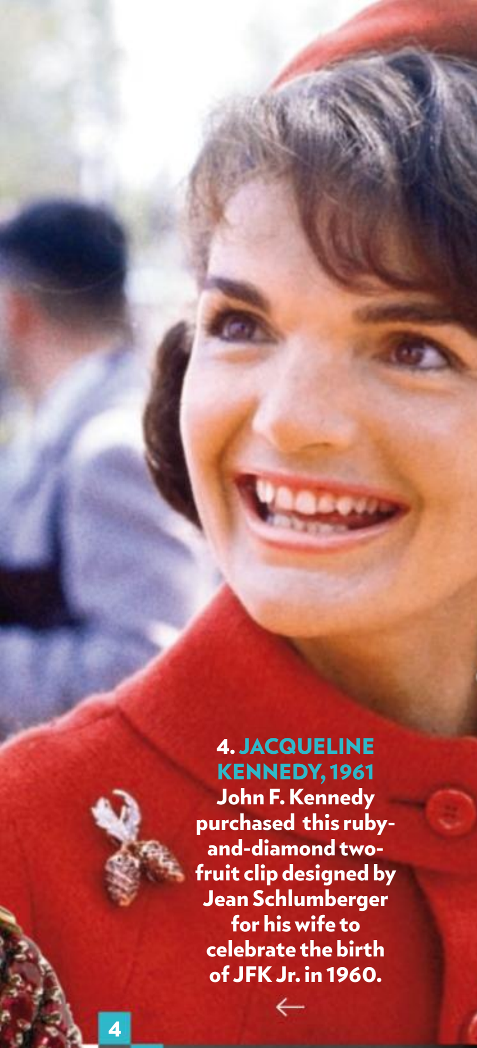
3. **LIZA MINNELLI, 1997**
This sterling silver cuff style (from Elsa Peretti's Bone Collection) was introduced in the '70s and sells today for $1,200.



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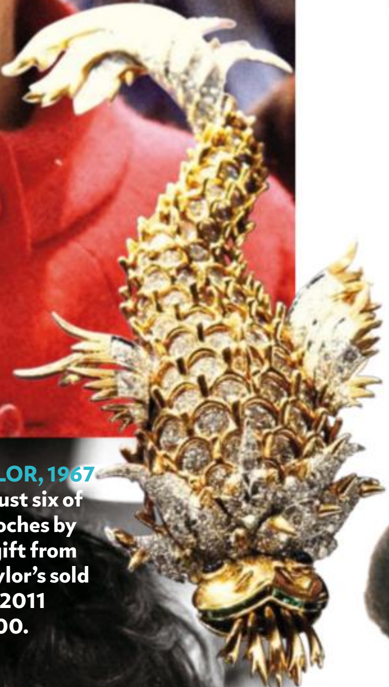

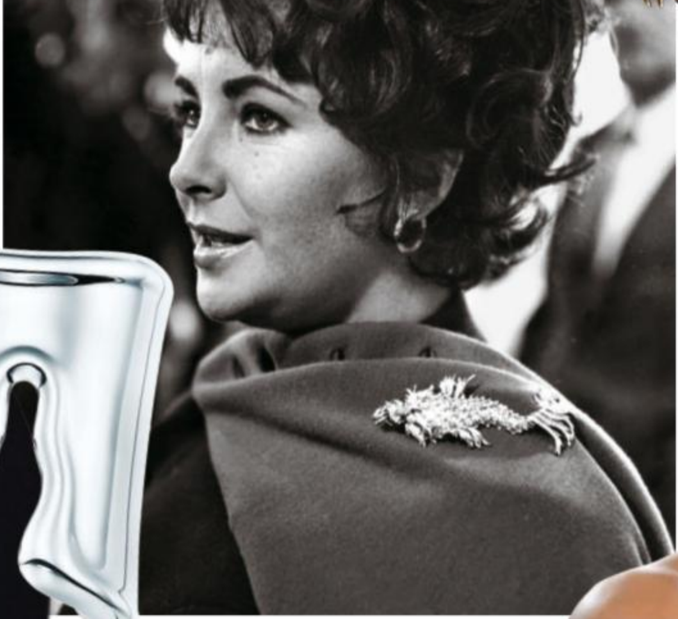

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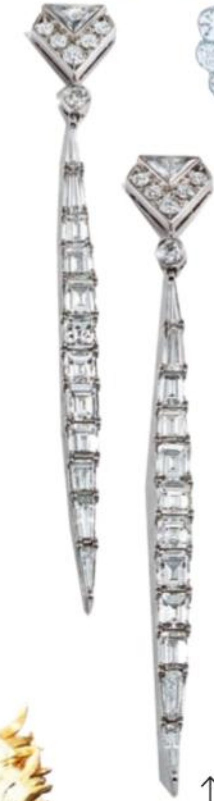

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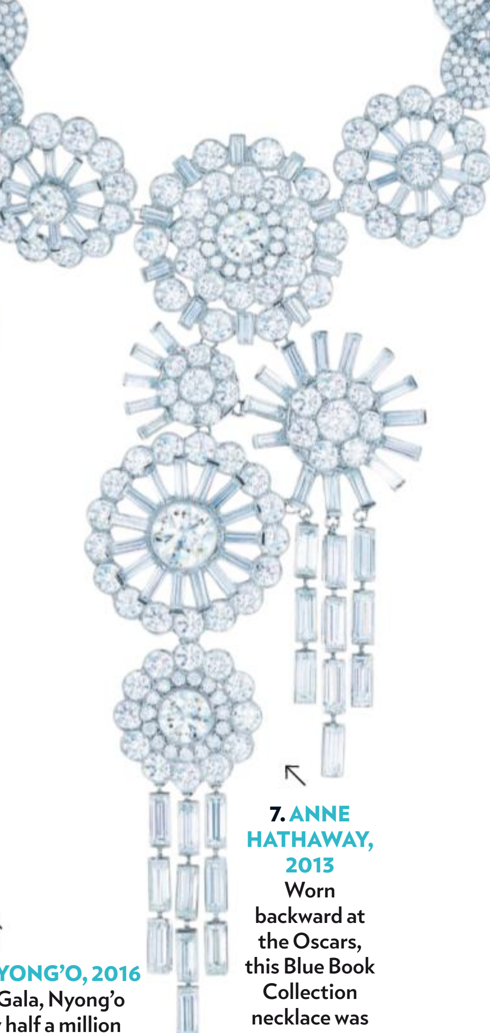
6. LUPITA NYONG'O, 2016 At the Met Gala, Nyong'o wore nearly half a million dollars' worth of jewels, including these $125,000 diamond drop earrings.



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7. ANNE HATHAWAY, 2013 Worn backward at the Oscars, this Blue Book Collection necklace was inspired by the Ferris wheel at the 1939 World's Fair.

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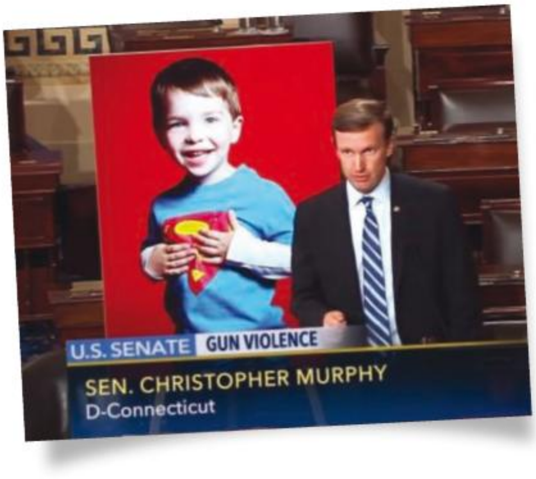
Standing Against Gun Violence

'FURIOUS' OVER THE ORLANDO MASSACRE, THE CONNECTICUT DAD—STILL RAW OVER SANDY HOOK—REFUSES TO GIVE UP ON TIGHTER GUN LAWS

By **SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL**

Sen. Chris Murphy was on his feet on the Senate floor for more than 14 hours straight—without breaking for a meal, chair or bathroom—begging Republican leaders, in the wake of the massacre in Orlando, to schedule gun-control votes. When word of their agreement came around 2 a.m. on June 16, the Democrat from Connecticut, site of the 2012 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, closed his filibuster beside a large photo of dimpled Dylan Hockley, a Sandy Hook first grader gunned down in his classroom and found dead in the arms of his slain teacher Anne Marie Murphy. “It doesn’t take courage to stand here...for 14 hours,” the 42-year-old senator told colleagues, his voice breaking. “It takes courage to look into the eye of a shooter and, instead of running, wrapping your arms around a 6-year-old boy.... If Anne Marie Murphy could do that, then ask yourself: What can *you* do?”



Honoring Dylan Murphy (top, in the Capitol June 16; inset, on the Senate floor June 16) says he thinks of Dylan Hockley every day, and the fight for gun control is “deeply, deeply personal.”

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Newtown, Dec. 14, 2012
Washington, D.C., June 12

Horror and Heartbreak
Scenes of terror (left, outside Sandy Hook Elementary) and mourning (right, a D.C. memorial for Orlando's dead) have become all too familiar.

That scene from the Senate, replayed on the next morning's news, left Dylan's mom, Nicole, breathless—"I watched it several times, crying," she tells *People*—but full of hope, even all these years after burying her son. "Chris is forcing a change," says Hockley. "It will come."

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In elective office since taking a seat in the State House at age 25, Murphy, a U.Conn-trained lawyer, is proud to call himself "a career politician." The son of a lawyer, he says it was his mother, a teacher, who taught him and his siblings "we had to do something to give back." With no hope of being a doctor ("I don't like the sight of blood") or a wealthy philanthropist ("I wasn't good enough with numbers to make a lot of money"), Murphy says he decided, "I like people and I could talk, so I could make a difference through public service." He won a seat in the U.S. House in 2006 and became known for his work on health policy. By the time he moved to the Senate in 2013, he and his wife, Cathy Holahan, 44, a lawyer, were splitting bedtime-story duty. But breakfast and lunchbox prep Murphy shoulders himself: vegetables in Tupperware for Owen, 7; salami and cheese for Rider, 4. Playtime with Dad is "out in the backyard, pretending we're spies, pirates and *Star Wars* characters," says Murphy.

One story he has not told his boys—who aren't allowed toy guns or TV shows or video games that involve shooting—is what happened at Sandy Hook. Families there were still reeling when Murphy, who's never owned or fired a gun ("other than a BB gun when I was a kid"), was sworn into the Senate in January 2013 and took up their cause. "My boys know I work on keeping guns away from bad guys, but they don't know why," he says. "I don't want them to feel vulnerable."

Owen missed his bedtime to take a seat in the Senate gallery during Murphy's talkathon, watching as his dad argued for background checks for Internet and gun-show sales and a ban on sales to suspects on the government's terrorist watch list. Owen's presence illustrates Murphy's forcefulness as an ally, says Nicole Hockley, cofounder of Sandy Hook Promise, which works to prevent school shootings. "He relates to us as a parent," she says. Although the gun controls he sought—over National Rifle Association opposition—were voted down by the Senate June 20, Murphy says he feels renewed energy for the fight: "I'm prepared to lose as many times as I need in order to eventually win." New Jersey Democrat Sen. Cory Booker, who joined the filibuster, says, "Chris doesn't make noise in vain. He's not done yet."

With reporting by Elaine Aradillas

Family Man
Murphy (in a 2015 selfie with Owen, Rider and Cathy) moved his family to D.C. so he wouldn't miss out. "My Senate job is temporary. Being a dad is permanent," he says.

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"I know what families go through to find answers," says Wysocki (reviewing notes from a current case).

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SHEILA WYSOCKI

SOLVING MY BEST FRIEND'S MURDER

After helping bring her college roommate's killer to justice, she now takes on 'unsolvable' cases, giving hope to families of victims who want answers

By Johnny Dodd

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Sheila Wysocki saw a ghost. It had been two decades since the rape and murder of her friend and college roommate Angie Samota when she glimpsed her slain friend standing in the bedroom. "I know it sounds crazy," says Wysocki, who was then a 41-year-old stay-at-home mother of two young boys. "But it was in the middle of the day. She was wearing one of her favorite skirts and she was smiling a big, huge smile." The vision of her friend evaporated in seconds, but Wysocki couldn't erase it from her mind, and all the life-changing pain and fear she'd felt on Oct. 13, 1984—the day Samota, 20, was killed in her condo near Dallas's Southern Methodist University—came rushing back. Her friend's murder had never been solved, and in that moment Wysocki vowed to bring the killer to justice: "It was like Angie was telling me it was time. I picked up the phone and called the Dallas police department. And I kept calling."

> **'I decided that I wasn't going to go away. I refused to take "no" for an answer'**
> —SHEILA WYSOCKI

Those calls led to more calls—over 750 in total, Wysocki estimates—and changed the course of the investigation as well as Wysocki's own life, turning the Nashville mom, now 53, into a private investigator. Suddenly the suburban mom who was active with the neighborhood cookie exchange found herself hounding the Dallas police department to search evidence files for clues in her friend's gruesome murder. "A private investigator once told me, 'Yeah, some cases are not meant to be solved,'" Wysocki says, with a rueful smile. "I thought, 'Oh, buddy, you are so wrong. I am going to solve this.'"

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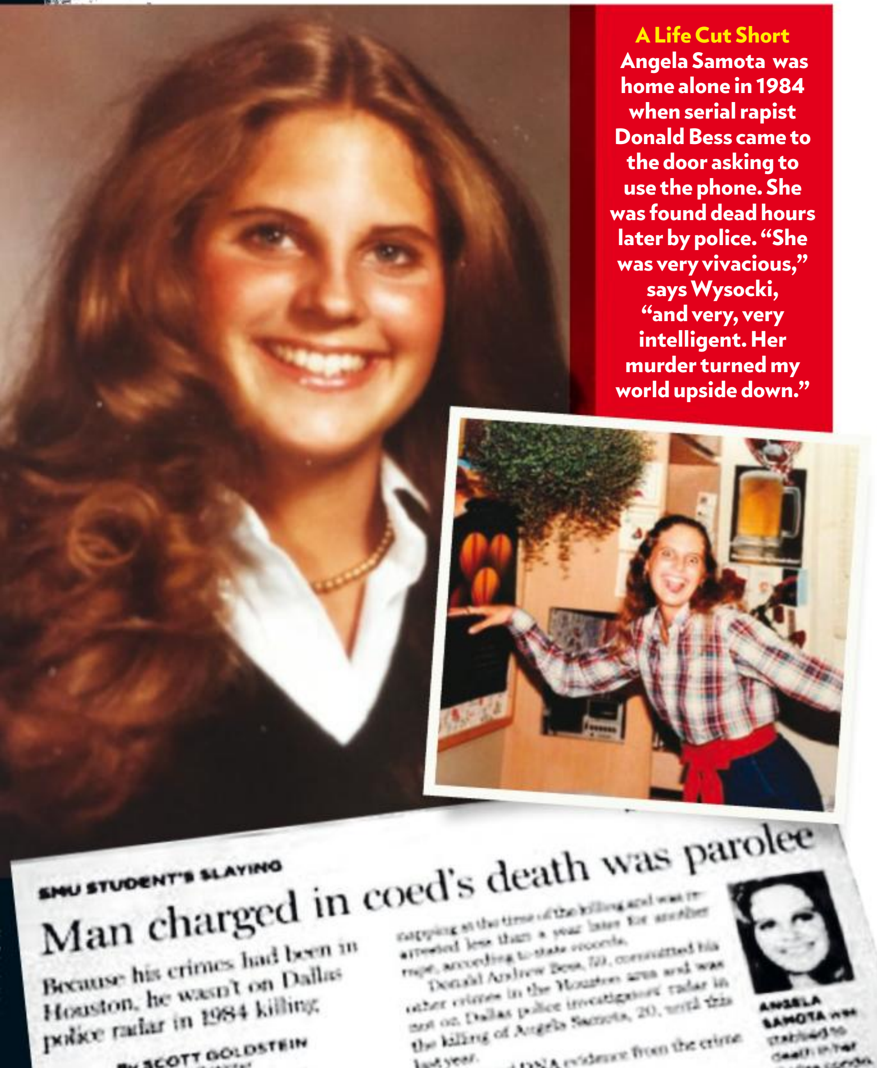
Although the trail of Samota's killer had long gone cold and the Dallas police department at the time did not have a cold-case division, Wysocki reignited the investigation by sheer will, setting up a "war room" at home where she spent hours piecing together facts about the case. Hoping to bolster her credibility with Dallas police, she began working for a private investigator to get her P.I. license. After four years of goading detectives located their supposedly "lost" crime scene evidence, including a semen sample and fingernail scrapings containing DNA found to match that on file of a serial rapist named Donald Bess. Police charged Bess with Samota's murder. After a trial that Wysocki attended every day, Bess was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in 2010. "He never confessed," she says. "But the DNA does not lie. When I saw him, I felt like all the oxygen was sucked out of the room; it was hard to breathe."

With her friend's murderer finally behind bars, Wysocki planned to retire her private investigating skills, because, she says, "I didn't care about any case other than this one." But that soon turned out to be untrue: When news broke about Wysocki's involvement helping solve her friend's murder case, she was inundated with requests asking for her help. "There are thousands of unsolved murders," she says. "And I thought maybe there would not be if authorities and victims' families worked with each other." She dived back into investigation—and also began organizing self-defense classes at schools and colleges teaching "the kind of tools," she says, "that might have saved Angie." Before long, women were coming to her after class with stories about how they'd been molested or raped as children, and Wysocki was helping them ID their alleged attackers. "Knowing who he is and where he lives has given me some of my power back," says one of the women.



A Life Cut Short
Angela Samota was home alone in 1984 when serial rapist Donald Bess came to the door asking to use the phone. She was found dead hours later by police. "She was very vivacious," says Wysocki, "and very, very intelligent. Her murder turned my world upside down."

SMU STUDENT'S SLAYING

Man charged in coed's death was parolee

Because his crimes had been in Houston, he wasn't on Dallas police radar in 1984 killing

By SCOTT GOLDSTEIN

ANGELA SAMOTA was stabbed to death in her

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On the Hunt
"I'm always out on the road," says Wysocki (left and below, with husband Charles and son Charlie), who often works out of her car. "I've worked a lot of cases."

Her Newest Case
Jonathan Crews, 27, who managed a medical clinic in Texas, was found dead from a gunshot wound in 2014. His family believe he was murdered. "He is the last person who would kill himself," says his mother. "He loved life far too much."

Working cases ranging from murder to rape, Wysocki can often be found poring over evidence files, police reports and interrogation transcripts at a table in the back of the tavern in Nolensville, Tenn., owned by her longtime mentor, retired Los Angeles Police Department homicide detective Lou Brown. Discussing the intricacies of murders that often feel eerily similar to Samota's can be painful for Wysocki—but she's dogged in searching for new angles and clues that might crack open a stagnant case. "She's just tenacious and very aggressive, but also a great listener," says Brown. "No one is going to stand in her way. Her concern for these families is really what drives her."

Many of her clients are the victims' mothers, who remain desperate to learn "the truth" about what happened to their child. "I told her I had no money, but she just said, 'Don't worry about that,'" say Becky Drumwright, whose son Tony's suspicious death in 1999 (initially ruled a suicide by police in McKenzie, Tenn.) Wysocki has been investigating since 2013. "If his death is ever solved, it'll be because of Sheila's work."

With both of her own sons, Charlie, 24, and Christopher, 20, now off at college, the mother turned sleuth has recently been consumed with an investigation that has taken her to Coppell, Texas, where she's digging into the "undetermined" death of Jonathan Crews, 27, who was killed by a gunshot to the chest in February 2014. Crews's family believe he was murdered and have hired Wysocki to investigate. Says Jonathan's mother, Pamela: "If we thought there was even a remote chance that our son had anything to do with what happened, we wouldn't be pursuing this. Sheila has been a godsend."

Wysocki just shrugs when she hears compliments like that. Everything she now does, she insists, stems from that awful night 32 years ago in Dallas that forever changed her. "Angie was the type of friend who stood up for others," she says. "And that's really all I'm doing now." ●

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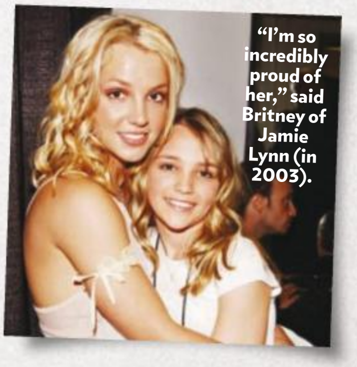
All Grown Up

Jamie Lynn Spears

THE FORMER CHILD STAR SAYS SHE'S MUCH MORE THAN A 'TEEN MOM' AND BRITNEY SPEARS' LITTLE SISTER. INSIDE HER LIFE NOW *By* **JEFF NELSON**



"I'm so incredibly proud of her," said Britney of Jamie Lynn (in 2003).

With the millennium's biggest pop singer for an older sister and her own hit Nickelodeon series, Jamie Lynn Spears had an exceptional—and unconventional—childhood. Not that it felt that way. "To me it was normal," says Spears. In 2007, after her show *Zoey 101* had wrapped, film projects were in the air, and she was happily dating her "first love," Casey Aldridge. But then, at 16, she took a pregnancy test at a BP gas station, and it came back positive. "It was scary," recalls Spears, now 25, who will tell her story in the documentary *Jamie Lynn Spears: When the Lights Go Out,* airing June 26 at 10/9c on TLC. "But you gotta take responsibility for your actions."

On the heels of her baby news,

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1. "I was a very good girl who thought she knew everything about love," says Spears (in a 2006 scene from *Zoey 101*). "Clearly I didn't." **2.** "Working on myself allowed me to be open to finding the right person," says Spears (with husband Jamie Watson and daughter Maddie in 2014). **3.** When it comes to Britney, who introduced Jamie Lynn's March 15 Grand Ole Opry set, "we need to focus on what an amazing place everyone is in, especially her."

Scoop

Jamie Lynn Spears...

PREGNANT AT 16!

Spears—whose pregnancy news appeared in the Dec. 31, 2007, issue of *People*—would tell her younger self, "Don't be so hard on yourself. No one's perfect."

Spears—whom her big sister Britney calls "the wise one"—chose to retire from the spotlight. "The world that I knew came crashin' down," she said. "I had a lot of young girls who looked up to me, and I felt that responsibility." She felt a greater responsibility to her unborn child. "I needed to step away from the noise of the world and just focus on growing up and becoming the best mother," she says. After sequestering herself in her Mississippi home, she welcomed daughter Maddie Briann on June 19, 2008. (Though once engaged, she and Maddie's dad, Aldridge, split two years later.)

By raising her daughter, Spears also learned about herself. "When you have to be strong not only for yourself but for someone else, you grow a whole other layer of skin," she says. Indeed, motherhood—and music—helped her find her voice. Spears began visiting Nashville, where she took up songwriting. "Getting to know and learn from writers was like college for me," says Spears, who cowrote country singer Jana

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Kramer's hit "I Got the Boy" and will release her new single "Sleepover" on June 24.

Though Spears and her sister have weathered their fair share of public growing pains (the same year Jamie Lynn gave birth, Britney was placed under a court-approved conservatorship following a public breakdown), she says it's only made them more resilient. "My sister is in a badass place right now," she says of Britney, who is still under the conservatorship but now in the third year of headlining a sold-out Las Vegas residency. "If my family is going through something, we don't try to pretend we're perfect," she says. "To the public, that can look like we're falling apart. But to us it's just going through life."

And life now for Spears is pretty normal—and normal means putting family first and fame second. "When I'm not working, I'm being a mom and a wife," says Spears, who married businessman Jamie Watson in 2014. Her future plans include "a big piece of land, being surrounded by the people I love, doing what I love." Just don't call it boring. "It's a different story every day," she says of her life now. "Today we have Maddie's softball pictures!" ●

> **'I needed to step away from the noise of the world and focus on growing up'**
> —JAMIE LYNN SPEARS

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: CHRIS HOLLO/HOLLO PHOTOGRAPHIC(2); EVERETT; STUDIO TRAN; COURTESY JAMIE LYNN SPEARS/TLC(3); FRED PROUSER/REUTERS

Growing Up with Britney

"She's been very motherly to me," says Jamie Lynn of her sister (in 1993).

Summer fun ca. 1997.

"If a young girl from small-town Louisiana can become a pop icon, anything is possible," says Jamie Lynn of how Britney (ca. 1995) motivated her.

"It was inspiring to see what hard work and talent can do," Jamie Lynn says of watching Britney (in 2002) succeed.

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HANNA

PLAYED BY ASHLEY BENSON

"It's all about the accessories on our show—they really elevate a look," says Dale, noting that the always on-trend Hanna loves to experiment, like with tassel shoes and colorful cross-body bags. "It's supercool to see her mix the girlie and the edgy [pieces] together," says Benson.

SPENCER

PLAYED BY TROIAN BELLISARIO

"Spencer has a really effortless sophistication," Bellisario says of the character she's played since 2010. This season Dale emphasizes the polished, refined look with delicate silver jewelry and brown leather bags. "She's a good example of a modern-day woman who wants to be comfortable," says Dale.

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EMILY

PLAYED BY SHAY MITCHELL

The sportiest Liar "is less trendy than the others," says Dale, who tends to put the character in casual basics, like plaid shirts and distressed denim. It's really the "accessories that amp up those pieces," says Mitchell. "We all have jeans, right? Throwing on a belt completely changes the look."

ARIA

PLAYED BY LUCY HALE

Dale says Aria's flirty and playful style focuses on pops of color. "She's always mixing patterns and being adventurous—but in a mature way," says Dale. "If you're willing to be as daring as Aria, absolutely go for it," says Hale, though you can tone it down by wearing just one bright-hued piece.

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Wilde and son Otis displayed "matching baby bumps" in this Instagram snap of her pregnancy reveal on April 18.

Her Makeup Must-Haves
The star, 32, loves to use mascara and a brow pencil as well as a sheer lip color "that I know won't need a ton of maintenance," she says.

Products, clockwise from right: **Mustela Hydra Bebe Body Lotion, $16; mustelausa.com Revlon Super Lustrous Sheer Lipstick Collection in Pink Truffle, $7.99, and Brow Fantasy by ColorStay, $7.50; at drugstores**

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Olivia Wilde

THE *VINYL* ACTRESS AND FACE OF REVLON EXPLAINS WHY SHE LOVES BABY LOTION, BOLD LIPS AND BEING PREGNANT

You once said your secret for great skin was to "get knocked up!" With baby No. 2 on the way, is that still true? Well, apparently I'm taking that advice now! Really, the older I get, the more I get to know what works best for me. Makeup is not about changing who you are, it's about understanding your face and highlighting your best features.

What's your everyday look? I don't leave the house without a little foundation, concealer, eyebrow [pencil] and mascara. And something on my lips for moisture and a little color. I think that for a lot of women it's not about disguising yourself, it's just about giving yourself a little bump in confidence.

Has being a mom [to son Otis, 2] changed your beauty routine? It hasn't. There's something significant about being a devoted mother and a professional person and also saying, "I'm going to take 10 minutes to do my makeup and make myself feel sexy." And, actually, Otis loves to watch me put makeup on. The other day he started doing his makeup with magic markers and I was like, "That's not bad!"

Do you ever use any of his products? When I go away for work, I bring a little tub of his Mustela lotion and wear it on my arms so I vaguely smell like him. People are probably like, "Why does this lady smell like diapers?"

Do you glam it up for date night with your fiancé [Jason Sudeikis]? I like wearing liquid eyeliner. And there are times when I really want to put on a red lip too and do my best Sophia Loren impression.

Does he like a bold lip? He doesn't love it. All men are terrified of lipstick. But girls don't get dressed up for guys; we get dressed up for girls.

Is he good at giving compliments? It's really nice when you've been working hard all day and you're exhausted, and your dude says, "You look fantastic." And you're like, "Little do you know I'm a hollowed-out zombie."

So what makes you feel beautiful? Not to get overly corny, but, when you're pregnant, it's a time when you feel very connected to your body. Other times we lose touch with that, so now I feel beautiful just living my life, working hard and being a good mom to my son.

beauty HACK

Look for a long-wear foundation with SPF to easily make anti-aging part of your routine, she says. "For me, that's a top priority," says Wilde, who uses Revlon ColorStay Makeup, which has SPF 15.

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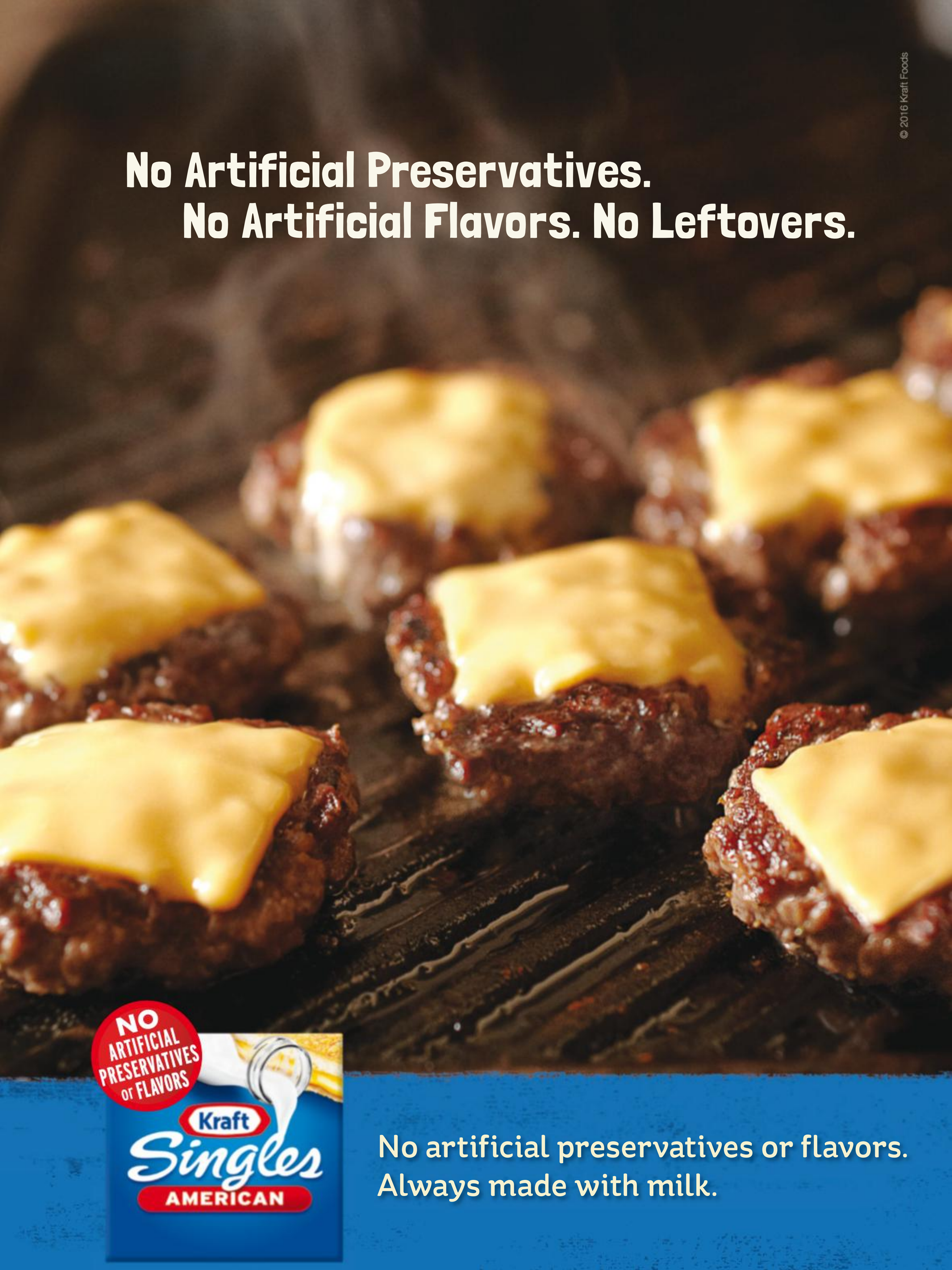
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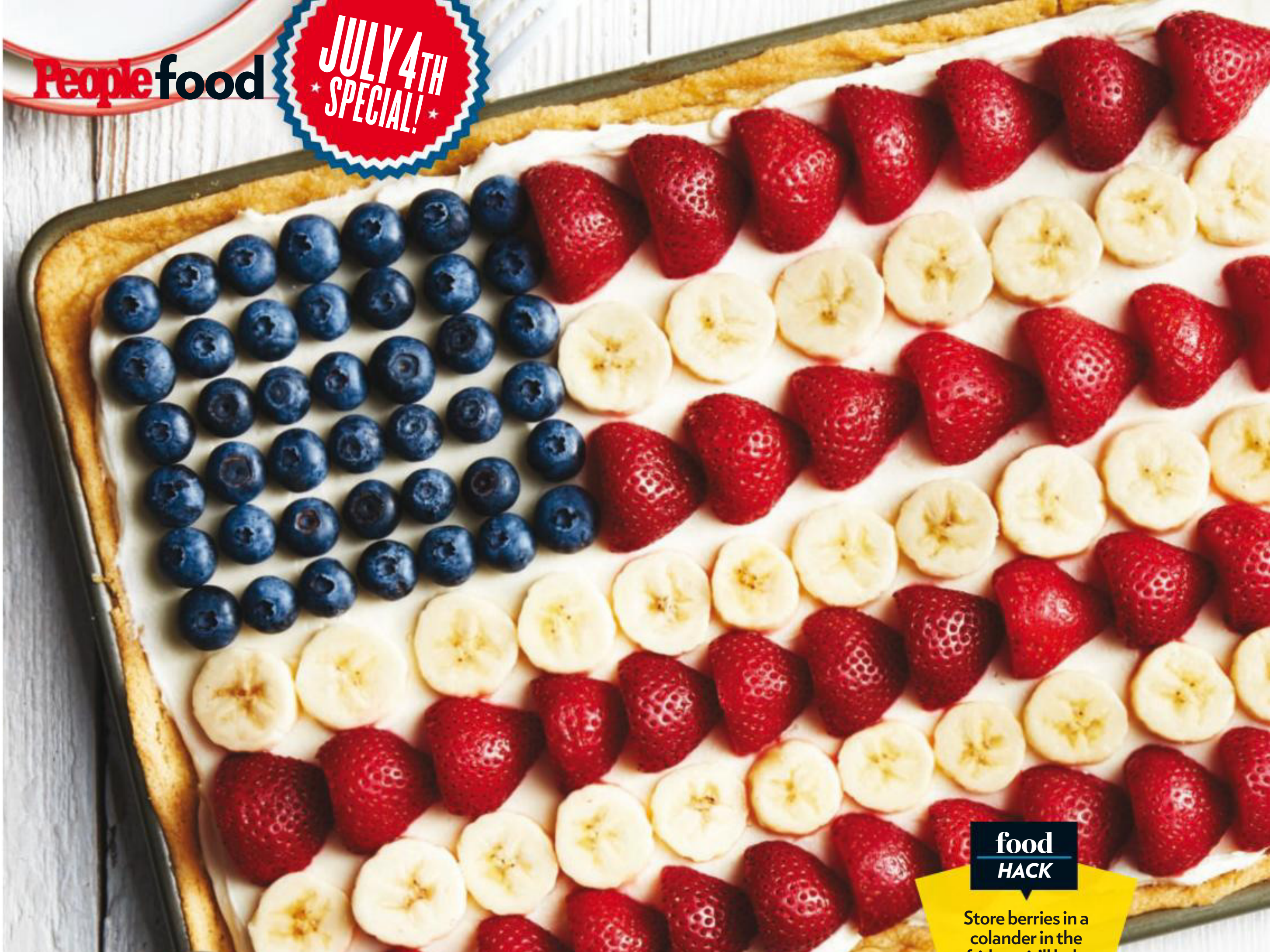

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Store berries in a colander in the fridge—it'll help them stay dry and fresher longer. Water increases the likelihood they'll get mushy and moldy.

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American Flag Cookie Cake

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- **¾ cup unsalted softened butter, divided**
- **¾ cup granulated sugar**
- **1 large egg, at room temperature**
- **2 tsp. vanilla extract, divided**
- **1½ cups all-purpose flour**
- **1½ tsp. cornstarch**
- **1 tsp. baking powder**
- **½ tsp. baking soda**
- **¼ tsp. kosher salt**
- **1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened**
- **1½ cups sifted powdered sugar**
- **2-3 tbsp. heavy cream**
- **1 cup blueberries**
- **2 cups strawberries, halved**
- **2 cups banana slices**

1. Beat ½ cup butter with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment on medium speed until creamy, about 1 minute. Add granulated sugar, and beat on medium speed until fluffy. Add egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla, and beat until smooth, scraping sides of bowl as necessary.

2. Whisk together flour, cornstarch, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture while beating on low speed. Beat until completely combined, about 1 minute. Transfer dough to a bowl; cover tightly with plastic wrap, and chill 30 minutes.

3. Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly coat a 13x9-in. baking sheet with cooking spray. Press dough evenly into baking sheet, forming a slight edge on all sides. Bake until edges are very lightly browned, 18 to 20 minutes. Cool completely.

4. Beat cream cheese and remaining ¼ cup butter on medium speed until smooth, about 2 minutes. Add powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons cream; beat 2 minutes. Add remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla. (If mixture seems too thick, add 1 more tablespoon of cream.) Beat 1 minute. Spread in a thick layer over cookie.

5. Arrange blueberries in a square in top left corner of cookie. Arrange strawberry halves in parallel horizontal lines, leaving 2 to 3 inches between rows, then add banana slices in between strawberries to resemble the American flag.

Serves: 12

Active time: 45 minutes

Total time: 90 minutes

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- 2 tbsp. vanilla frosting
- Red, white and blue sprinkles
- 1½ cups vanilla ice cream
- 7 tbsp. whole milk
- 3 tbsp. vanilla syrup
- 3 tbsp. strawberry syrup
- 1 cup canned refrigerated instant whipped cream
- 1 tsp. edible metallic stars

1. Using the back of a spoon, spread vanilla frosting around the rim of a pint glass and about 2 inches down the outside of the glass. Roll the frosting-coated part of glass in a bowl of sprinkles.
2. Process ice cream, milk and vanilla syrup in a blender on medium speed until combined, about 30 seconds.
3. Carefully drizzle the strawberry syrup in stripes along the inside of the glass. Gently pour in milk shake mixture. Top with whipped cream and edible stars.

Serves: 1
Active time: 15 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes

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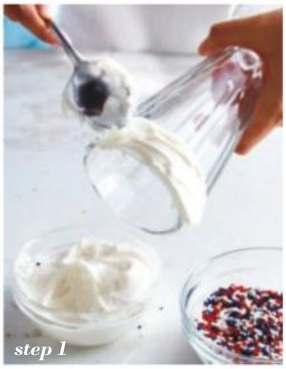
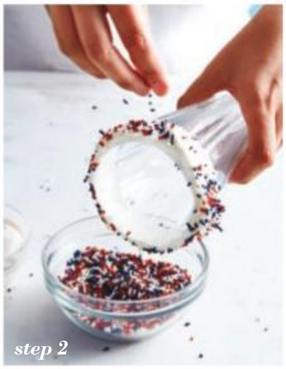
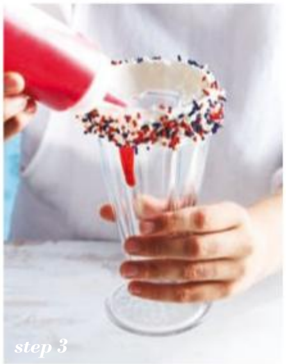


FROST
Spread a generous layer of icing on and around the rim of a glass. If your frosting is too wet, chill it in the fridge for 20 minutes before applying.



DECORATE
Roll the frosted rim in a shallow dish filled with sprinkles. Fill in any gaps by hand so very little white icing is visible.



DRIZZLE
Using a spoon or squeeze bottle, drop "stripes" of syrup inside the glass—the liquid will drip down to create red streaks. Leave about 2 inches between each stripe.

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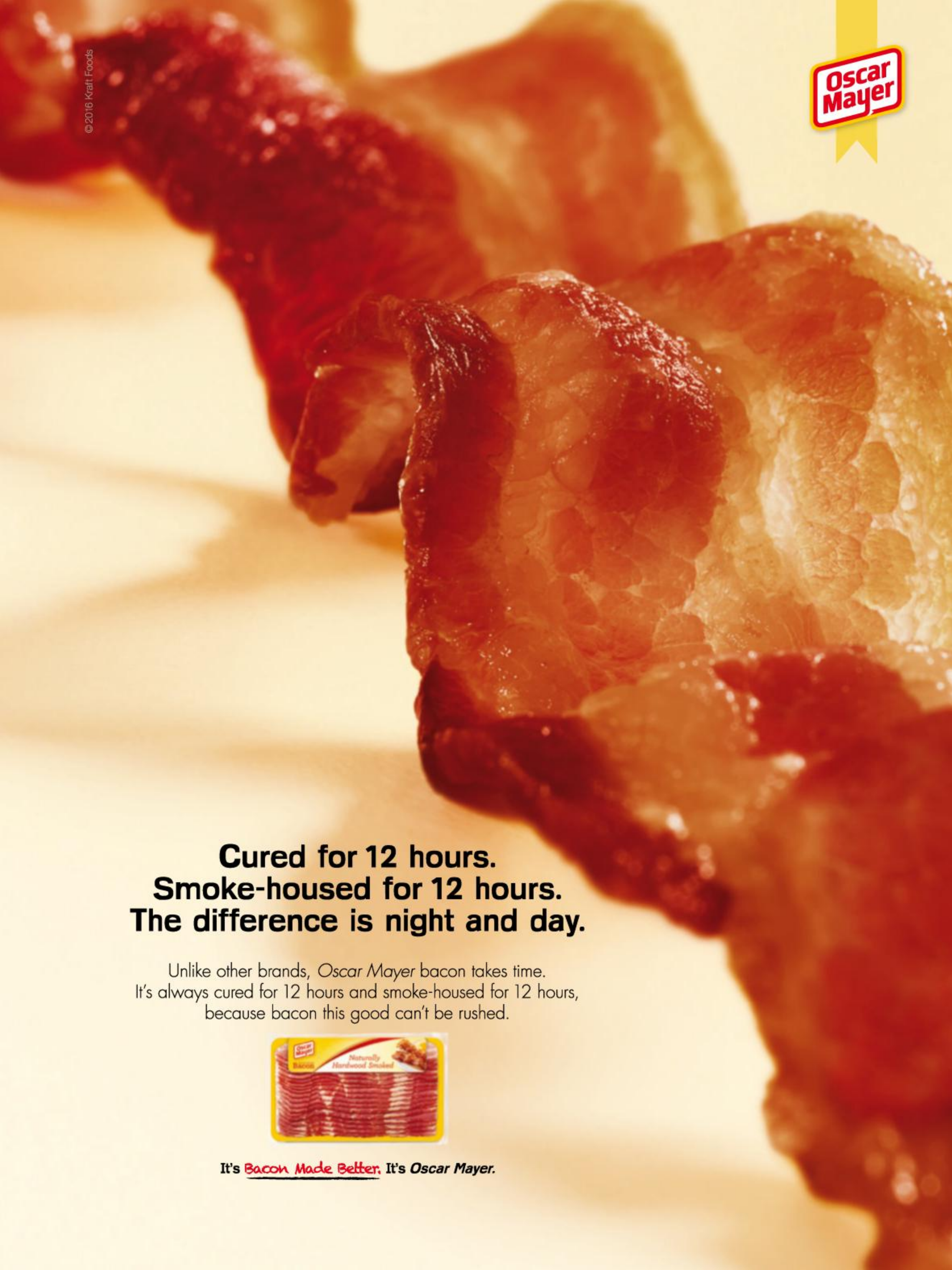
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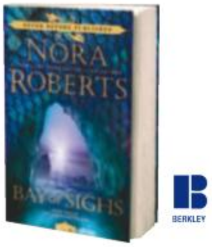
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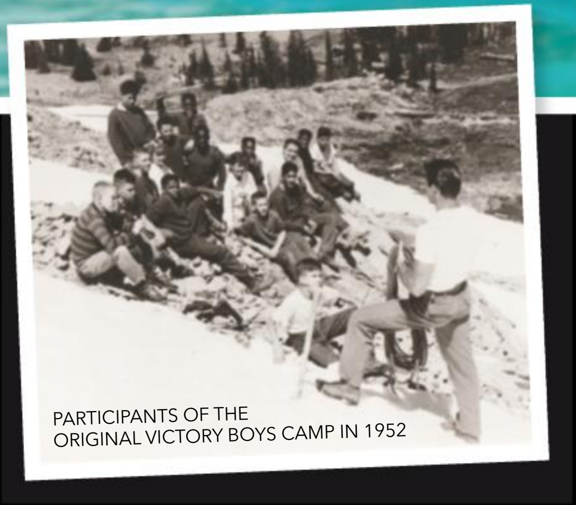

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⅓	**cup unsweetened cocoa powder**
1½	**tsp. baking powder**
½	**tsp. baking soda**
½	**tsp. salt**
2	**cups buttermilk**
2	**large eggs**
1	**tbsp. red liquid food coloring**
2	**tsp. vanilla extract, divided**
½	**cup cream cheese, softened**
¼	**cup unsalted butter, softened**
1	**cup sifted powdered sugar**
¼	**cup coconut milk**
2	**tbsp. pure maple syrup**
4	**oz. blueberries, strawberries or cherries**

1. For the pancakes, sift together flour, granulated sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Whisk together buttermilk, eggs, food coloring and 1 teaspoon vanilla in a separate bowl. Gradually add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture, stirring constantly, just until dry ingredients are moistened.

2. Heat a griddle or large nonstick skillet over medium heat; lightly coat with butter. Pour about ¼ cup batter for each pancake onto griddle, and cook until tops are covered with bubbles and edges are dry, 3 to 4 minutes. Turn and cook until done, 3 to 4 minutes.

3. For the syrup, beat cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add powdered sugar, coconut milk, maple syrup and remaining vanilla; beat until smooth.

4. Pour syrup over warm pancakes. Top with berries.

Serves: 8

Active time: 20 minutes

Total time: 30 minutes

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- ◆ 3 tablespoons Sriracha
- ◆ 2 tablespoons honey
- ◆ 3 cups popped popcorn

Makes 20 servings

In large microwavable bowl, mix cereals, peanuts and pretzels; set aside.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on High about 20 seconds or until melted. Stir in Sriracha sauce and honey. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until evenly coated.

Microwave uncovered on High 5 to 6 minutes, thoroughly stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on waxed paper to cool, about 15 minutes. Place in serving bowl; stir in popcorn. Store in airtight container.

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ZAC YOUNG

Blueberry & White Chocolate Pie Pops

THE EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF AT THE CRAVEABLE HOSPITALITY GROUP SHARES A FESTIVE DESSERT ON A STICK

1¼	**cups granulated sugar**
2½	**tbsp. cornstarch**
	Pinch of salt
2	**pts. blueberries**
1½	**tsp. lemon zest, plus 2 tbsp. fresh juice**
1	**(11-oz.) package vanilla wafers, crushed**
24	**lollipop sticks**
10	**oz. white chocolate, finely chopped**
1	**tbsp. vegetable oil**
¼	**cup red, white and blue sprinkles**
¼	**cup sparkling sugar**

1. Stir together sugar, cornstarch and salt in a small bowl; set aside. Cook blueberries, lemon zest and lemon juice in a saucepan over medium heat until berries begin to pop, 8 to 9 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring with a rubber spatula, until berries have softened but not disintegrated and juices have thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl, and freeze 30 minutes.

2. Stir together cold blueberry mixture and crushed wafers. Shape mixture into 24 1½-in. balls, and place on a parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze until very firm, about 1 hour. Insert 1 lollipop stick into each ball.

3. Microwave white chocolate in a heat-safe bowl on high until melted, about 1 minute, stirring every 20 seconds. Stir in oil. Dip each ball into the chocolate mixture, and shake off excess. Place coated ball on baking sheet.

4. Once the balls have set and the sticks are secure, dip each ball into the chocolate mixture again, making sure to fully coat and seal it to the stick. Dip the top of each pop in the sprinkles and sparkling sugar; place pops, sprinkles-side-down, on baking sheet. Chill 1 hour before serving. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 4 days.

Makes: 24

Active time: 45 minutes

Total time: 2 hours, 45 minutes

food HACK

'Instead of making the filling from scratch, mash up a store-bought pie—crust and all! If it looks goopy, add some crushed vanilla wafers to get a ballable consistency,' says Young.

By Ana Calderone, Sonal Dutt and Michelle Ward Trainor

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—SUTTON FOSTER

A pink giraffe (from HomeGoods) presides over a desk.

AT HOME

Sutton Foster’s Vibrant N.Y.C. Penthouse

PEEK INSIDE THE CHEERFUL MANHATTAN CONDO, WHICH THE *YOUNGER* STAR CALLS ‘A SOPHISTICATED PLAYROOM’

‘WE SAW THE VIEWS—IT JUST SEEMED PERFECT,’ FOSTER SAYS OF FINDING THE APARTMENT IN 2014

With a “no electronics and no TV” rule, Foster says the master bedroom is “like a spa. It’s the safe space.”

BROADWAY VETERAN Sutton Foster’s New York City abode is as colorful as her stage costumes. The two-bedroom, two-bath penthouse—which boasts breathtaking views of the Hudson River—is sprinkled with memorabilia chronicling her showbiz life and relationship with screenwriter husband Ted Griffin, 45. “I don’t like anything cookie-cutter,” says the star of TV Land’s *Younger,* 41. To pull together the “vibrant and energetic” look, Foster turned to interior designer Mike Harrison and HomeGoods. “I wanted it to feel like a sophisticated playroom, not anything too serious.” The couple’s love of animals is obvious: Custom art of their dearly departed dogs Charlie and Linus adorn the office and living room walls, and bird motifs pop up on a painting and plates in the dining room. Foster’s two Tony Awards—for *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Anything Goes*—sit on a bookshelf. And the vows from their 2014 wedding are proudly displayed on a canvas in the dining room, while photos throughout the

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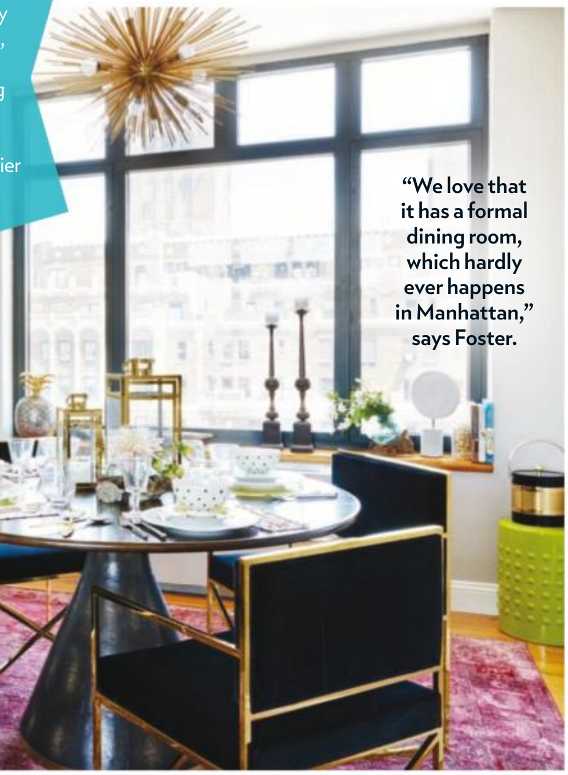
home give a glimpse of their love story. "We have reminders everywhere," says Foster. "It's been amazing to build our lives together and have this opportunity to start a new chapter." As for her next act? Parenting, probably. Now an office, the second bedroom will "hopefully be a baby's room someday—we're working on it!" says Foster, who'll star in *Sweet Charity* Off-Broadway this fall. In the meantime, she's got her hands full with her *other* babies: dachshund-Yorkie mix Mabel and Westie-poodle puppy Brody. "I'm nervous about the new carpet," she says. "He's not quite potty-trained, so it should be an adventure!"

Bold artwork echoes the colorful furnishings. "We wanted it to feel as alive as possible," says Foster.

Foster says it's "kinda weird" to display her Tony Awards—"but I'm unbelievably proud of them."

Mixing It Up

The Broadway veteran says she has a "very eclectic" aesthetic, including playful accents like the pig (above left) and peacock (below) figurines. "The quirkier the better."



"We love that it has a formal dining room, which hardly ever happens in Manhattan," says Foster.

TIPS & TRICKS

INTERIOR DESIGNER AND ARTIST MIKE HARRISON SHARES HIS STYLING RULES

THINK OUTSIDE THE (FLOWER) BOX
"On the dining room table, a bouquet of flowers would be predictable, so we clustered used lanterns instead. It's the same proportion as a floral centerpiece, but it adds to the room's whimsy."

DON'T 'MATCH'
"I hate that word. I like to make things *coordinate*. For example, Sutton had the pink sofa, so we added a rug in the dining room in a similar shade."

DON'T BE AFRAID TO REPURPOSE
"Home decor doesn't have to be expensive. You can easily add a coat of paint, rearrange a bookcase or add an accessory like a throw pillow for a different feel."

By Jeff Nelson

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CAROLE RADZIWILL

What I Eat in a Day

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Lunch

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'I don't have a food philosophy other than this: Everything tastes better with salt'
—CAROLE RADZIWILL

Dinner

At N.Y.C.'s Cafe Clover:
3 pieces of **whole wheat sourdough bread** with butter
2 **soft shell crabs** in chickpea flour, fried in avocado oil
1 cup **potato puree** with unsalted butter
1 cup steamed **broccoli** with butter and salt

Dessert

Roasted strawberries with a **lavender honey gelato** and butter sablée
Coffee with whole milk and 1 Splenda
8 oz. glass Newman's Own **lemonade** before bed

Total Calories: **2,000**

The Verdict "Bananas are a great food but not a great breakfast," says dietitian Keri Glassman of nutritiouslife.com, who also dismisses the Splenda as "not a great habit." And lunch? "Sugar, sodium and chemicals, oh my!" But Glassman says Radziwill makes better choices for dinner—including broccoli and whole wheat sourdough. Still, she cautions, "three slices of bread is too much. And anything fried becomes unhealthy, even chickpeas and crabs."

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THE ACTOR, 63, RETURNS TO BATTLE MORE ALIENS IN *INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE*

Last indulgence

Last night, along with my granola parfait, I ordered hot chocolate. It's not on my regime, but I liked it. And they sent up a couple of unadvertised marshmallows. I even licked those a couple of times.

Last time my kid made me laugh

My son Charlie is 11 months, and this morning he pulled himself up and then he went, "Ah-*choo*!" It was very unexpected, there was no windup, and some kind of projectile hit me right in the zebra-print shirt I have on now. I was at once alarmed and amused.

Last DIY

The rearrangement of furniture to give new life to a space—I can do that. The last one was my living room. I've been in the house for 29 years, and it's taken me that long to realize [moving] this couch six inches to the right was the key to everything.

Last time I stargazed

I'm nothing if not an amateur lover of the cosmos. Even recently I said, "Look over there, that's Orion's belt!" And I had no idea what I was talking about. From what I gather, it's more than likely that some other life-form is out there.

Last time I sang out loud

Just two minutes ago. I sang [he sings], "Independence Day, we must find a way, to get these bad aliens off our *plaaa*net."... Now the last time I did was two seconds ago, how about that?

Reported by **Julie Jordan**

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